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BID TO CUT BIG FEES

ARROWS HIT \$82,500 BULLSEYE

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

CANBERRA ARROWS hit their first bullseye of the 1984 season when they announced a syndicated sponsorship of \$82,500 last night.

Johnny Warren, Arrows' PR consultant, made the following statement to ASW:

"This \$75,000 sponsorship could be considerably more should Canberra Arrows finish in the top five this season."

"Our major sponsors are Lotto Management Services, who were strongly rumoured to be quitting the Arrows last year."

"As well, we have sponsoring the Arrows' Youth team and the Arrows' Schoolboys Development Programme, James Hardie Industries, who join Soccer at long last."

James Hardie Industries has for a period of time, been well known in Australian sporting circles for sponsorship of the Bathurst motor race as well as the Parramatta Rugby League team. Now they have entered Soccer.

The Hardie sponsorship as well as covering the Arrows' Youth team, will embrace the coaching service to all primary schools in the A.C.T., numbering some 67.

As well, this company will sponsor for 1984 the James Hardie KO Cup for primary schools in the Territory. The final will be played as an early game to an Arrows' home match.

The Coca-Cola Company also has granted a sponsorship to the Arrows to provide coaching services for High Schools and Colleges in the A.C.T., including a seminar for all sports conducted by Canberra Arrows' coach, Doug Collins and Johnny Warren.

"The Hellenic club of Canberra plus Bega Dairy Products, will be involved in the development of Junior Soccer in the A.C.T. area," said Warren.

"This syndicated sponsorship would have to be one of the largest in the NSL today. I'm sure many clubs would swap with Canberra, given the opportunity."

"It is Canberra's aim to more than satisfy the sponsors and for this purpose, sponsorships have all been tied into meaningful community Soccer-related activities of benefit to the various sponsors involved, the youngsters, the Arrows and of course the code as a whole within the A.C.T."

At the press conference, the Arrows had on display their new NSL strips, supplied by the Admiral company, in the colours of gold and blue.

BY DAVID JACK

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE clubs are worried stiff about the huge transfer fees they are being asked to pay for new players.

They are no less worried about the cash demands from players who want big signing-on payments before they put pen to contract.

Victoria is hardest hit by this rampant Soccer inflation — according to Sam Gouloupoulos, president of Heidelberg.

"Players are asking for colossal payments, and they're getting them," said the Heidelberg president.

"It's the old story of demand and supply. Right now, the demand exceeds the supply. So players can ask what they want: and clubs are paying."

"As far as Soccer is concerned, inflation is skyrocketing. The game has gone crazy."

"We must get some sanity back into it," said Gouloupoulos.

Meetings are now being arranged between Victoria's NSL clubs — indeed some have already taken place.

It is hoped the clubs will all agree to cut back on big transfer fees and signing-on payments, but this seems a forlorn hope.

The problem would not exist at all if clubs behaved rationally when they sign new players.

It is THEY who pay top-heavy transfer fees. It is THEY who pour thousands of dollars into players' pockets. It is THEY who have created this financial monster which now worries them all.

They were warned several weeks ago by Steve Kamasz, secretary manager of the NSL.

In AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY, Kamasz predicted a big season in the National League, providing clubs handled their

debts and credits sensibly.

"They will have to use their heads, not their hearts, when they want to sign players," warned Kamasz.

It seems that warning has not been heeded.



A SLICK YOUNG TRIO

THE new-look Slickers... Sydney City's three exciting prospects, Jean-Paul De Marigny, Graeme Fletcher and Ean Rodrigues. These three young players starred in Sydney City's Ampol Cup semi-final win over Marconi to put their team into the final next Sunday. See centre pages for stories.

DEMON O'CONNOR

PHIL O'Connor broke his contract with Heidelberg last week — and now he's set to become a Blacktown City player.

It is understood that the international winger, who had previously been negotiating with Blacktown, contacted the Sydney club over the weekend.

Heidelberg are fighting a lost cause to recoup \$8,000 — half the transfer fee paid to Wollongong City — O'Connor's former club.

Heidelberg must pay Wollongong a further \$8,000 to complete the transaction.

O'Connor pulled out of the Heidelberg deal because of family problems.

EDITORIAL

THE ethnic influence over Australian Soccer cannot be denied.

Some people are not happy about it. Others take the more realistic view that, without the support of migrant groups, in particular the Greeks, the sport would be dying on its feet.

The so-called New Australians have brought many of their customs to this country but they should be warned that Melbourne is not Manchester, Brisbane is not Bologna, Adelaide is not Alicante.

What prompts these editorial thoughts?

Kick-off times in the New South Wales Ampol Cup competition.

Most games are played at night, mid-week or Sundays. And they are double-headers.

A result is essential and that involves playing extra-time when the teams are level. It also means penalty-kicks are taken if extra-time fails to break the deadlock.

So far so good. But the kick-off times are far too late for such an arrangement. On Sunday nights working men do not want to get home after midnight, facing the prospect of leaving again by 6am or earlier to get to their jobs.

At Melita Stadium a couple of weeks ago, the folly of these late kick-offs was apparent to everyone — except the people who run the show.

Penrith played Auburn in the "early" match. It went into extra-time. Then we had a long, drawn-out, penalty-kicking match.

The second match, scheduled for 8.25, started at about 9.15.

It also brought extra-time, between St George and Melita. Thankfully, there was no penalty-kick taking.

The few spectators who stayed with the marathon double-header left the ground at around 11.15. Some reached home after midnight.

When ASW complained to NSW Federation president John Constantine, he was unrepentant. Indeed, he told us: "You cannot kick off earlier because it would be too hot for the players."

We reject that explanation. It's nonsense.

Nobody wants a return to the days when the Ampol Cup was played at 3pm when the heat is at its fiercest.

But what is wrong with a 5pm or 5.30 kick-off for the first game? And the opportunity for spectators to get a reasonable night's sleep before going to work on the Monday?

It is not just the fans who are inconvenienced by late kick-offs.

Press men have to battle to get even the briefest of stories into the Monday papers. At times, the second match finishes too late for even a result to be published on the Monday.

Can the Federation afford to antagonise the media in this way? It certainly cannot squander the space which would be available for Ampol Cup reports if matches started earlier.

Late kick-offs, like late dinner parties, are part of the European scene. People in Barcelona enjoy starting their meal at 10pm or later. But it doesn't happen very often in Wollongong.

Sydneysiders, in the main, go to bed early and get up early.

Soccer will have to remember this.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LOVELY GAME OF SOCCER?

ASKS MYLES HAY

ONCE upon a time there was this game called Soccer — the main objective being to place the ball into the opponent's net. And everyone loved it.

In the late 1950s and early 1960s crowds poured into most grounds in New South Wales when the accent was still on goalscoring, with such exponents like Leo Baumgartner, Bruce Morrow, Johnny Giacommetti, Ron Giles, Herb Ninaus and Vernon Wentzel.

Then came a new breed of coach who generally placed the emphasis on NOT losing in preference to the priority on winning, with the logical result that goalscoring dwindled.

Much later, in 1977 to be precise, the National League came into being — proclaimed as the saviour of Soccer in Australia.

The main winner turned out to be the airline carrying the players and officials on their interstate jaunts each week.

Then came another remarkable idea to further boost the code — give the clubs catchy names and the crowds were bound to return for the privilege of cheering for the Raiders or the Warriors — how naive.

Of course, ethnic names were a definite no-no — as a contradiction Marconi were allowed to retain their title, but Croatia were ordered to change or remain forever in the wilderness of State League Soccer.

Ah, but now yet another change of heart — Croatia is welcomed, as is Juventus from Victoria. However, that is but a mere fleabite when one studies the fixture sheet for 1984. No wonder it took months to prepare.

There is no doubt that the Sydney and Melbourne-based clubs will not grumble overmuch because their travelling has been cut to a minimum in

the set-up of the strangely named "Australian" and "National" Conferences — another gem of marketing, no doubt.

Gone are the days when teams played each other on a home and away basis to establish supremacy.

Spare a thought for the "out-of-towners" such as Newcastle United and Canberra.

They will meet each other at Newcastle and Canberra — so far so good.

But, although being part of the Australian Conference grouping, they will play the Sydney-based sides ONLY ONCE — either at home or away, dependent on the draw.

Then they will also meet the Melbourne clubs on the same basis.

Are you finding this somewhat confusing? You should.

Canberra could actually win the series having met their Sydney counterparts only once.

The logic behind the strange groupings is that there will be heaps of local derbies, and that's what these missing thousands have been waiting for — yet I cannot remember more than a couple of thousand turning up when Sydney City entertained some of their city counterparts last season.



□ KOSMINA: no crowds

This, despite having outstanding players like Joe Watson, John Kosmina and Paul Kay in the Slickers' side.

Just to add a bit more spice to the programme of events, every so often it will be decreed that interstate sides occupying identical positions on the league ladder will meet in challenge clashes — again the points gained in these match will be included in the final analysis.

Talking about Sydney City, they have always been a good crowd-puller at Newcastle. Guess what, they don't travel to Newcastle at all, except maybe by the long odds chance of their meeting in the "intrastate challenges" (not to be confused with the "interstate challenges").

On these occasions the National League (or is it the Australian League?) slip in some matches, these being determined on the basis of league positions, for example first will play second, third against fourth, right down to 11th v 12th.

The Adelaide and Brisbane teams are scheduled to take part in four local derbies this season — that will certainly test the drawing power in those centres.

It will be easier for the supporters — if they say they'll be meeting their local rivals, invariably they will be right.

It will be akin to a TV soap opera — one can hardly wait for the next thrilling 90-minute encounter of the Lions in mortal combat against the "Citizens" of Brisbane.

Another brilliant piece of "organisation" comes along at the end of May, when interest which has been aroused in both National and Australian

Conferences will be snuffed out.

The reason is that no competition matches will be played for an entire month — instead the commencement of a round-robin Cup series will begin, harnessed also with the possibility of overseas teams being in Australia.

So spare a thought for the poor Newcastle United supporter. He thinks he is part of the NSW set-up, until one Saturday he goes along to see his favourites play against Green Gully.

Who?

LIONS NOT IMPRESSED

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE LIONS officials are far from impressed with the National League draw, which was released earlier this month.

But after finishing bottom last season, and attracting some of the smallest crowds in the League, the club realises it has little ground on which to make a stand.

As predicted by some club officials more than six months ago, Brisbane City has been allocated all the "attractive" home matches while Lions in general have been left with the "also-rans".

City's home ties include matches against Marconi, South Melbourne, Sydney Croatia and Melbourne Croatia — who are certain to attract big crowds in Brisbane.

Lions home matches include games against newcomers Penrith, Sunshine-George Cross, Green Gully Ajax and Blacktown who are relatively unknown to many casual Soccer followers in Queensland.

Lions also have been allocated one less derby. With the first intrastate challenge match between the two sides being played at Spencer Park on March 4, City are assured of three home matches against Lions. Lions will host City twice at Richlands.

Of course, the scores could be evened if City and Lions happen to meet in another challenge.

Neither club is impressed by the fact that there will be a weekend in September when no NSL football will be played in Brisbane.

Lions and City officials are philosophical about the draw.

"There's not a lot we can do so we just have to accept it and make it work as best we can," was one official's comment.



□ LEO BAUMGARTNER: crowds

EATON, KNIGHT TO SWITCH

BY GREG RUSSELL

NEW Brisbane Lions coach Harry Noon wants to sign midfielder Steve Knight and striker Clive Eaton from his old club Ku-ring-gai.

Eaton already has been training at Richlands for a week and Knight is expected to fly to Brisbane this week.

Former Sydney Olympic and Croydon (Victoria) midfielder David Cork also has been brought to Brisbane by Noon for a trial at Lions.

Noon has told the Lions board he is very keen to sign all three players to add depth to the squad, which comprises largely of youngsters.

Knight and Eaton are believed to have maximum transfer clauses in their contracts, which could make the bargain signings for Lions, who finished last in the NSL in 1983.

Noon is particularly keen to get Knight into the Lions side to help the team adjust to a new style. He wants the Brisbane team to play as Ku-ring-gai did in the NSW State League — a high work-rate midfield with a defence pivoting on the two central defenders.

"Steve knows exactly how I want it played and he would be an asset to the team. He will have no trouble stepping up to NSL level," Noon said.

Noon is not the only NSL coach to want Knight, as Canberra Arrows' Doug Collins had his eye on the Ku-ring-gai star and was looking to sign him for the 1985 NSL season.



□ STEVE KNIGHT

Noon hopes Eaton will form a striking partnership with Lions' young Soccerroo striker Danny Wright. But after playing in a mid-week trial last Wednesday, Eaton seems to have hit it off with Lions' Scottish signing Jim McDonagh.

McDonagh came to Lions last season but was not favoured by Simon Kistemaker and spent much of the year in reserve grade. But he has worked hard in the off-season on his fitness and

looks set to have a better year this season.

Cork also played in the mid-week trial and looks to have the ability to play NSL. The former Doncaster player was at Sydney Olympic at the same time as Eaton, but has played more recently with Croydon in the Victorian State League.

Club officials say it could be at least two weeks before a decision is made.



□ CLIVE EATON

SANDY COULD BE A STAR FOR DEMONS

BLACKTOWN CITY have signed a newly-arrived Englishman for their 1984 National Soccer League campaign.

BY BRAD EARL

Adam Sandy came to Sydney in the summer with his wife, who is on an exchange teaching programme.

Having played more than 100 games for UK Fourth Division club Northampton Town, Sandy naturally wanted to break into football here.

So he rang up Blacktown City ... and was quickly signed by the Demons.

At 25, he is a versatile player, as he showed in Blacktown's two Ampol Cup games.

In the first game against Polonia he played as a left midfielder, and then in the Marconi match he moved to central striker.

On the field, he looks

very similar to Blacktown's new central midfielder Gary Byrne. Both are slim with dark hair, and both have good ball skills.

"I was with Northampton for four years, and I played in midfield, but in a more defensive role," said Sandy.

"I much prefer to play

as an attacking midfielder, as I consider myself more creative than defensive, but if the manager wants you to play in a certain position, that is where you must play."

Two years ago he played alongside Steve Bryant, who is likely to be Canberra Arrows captain for the coming season.



□ ADAM SANDY: versatile

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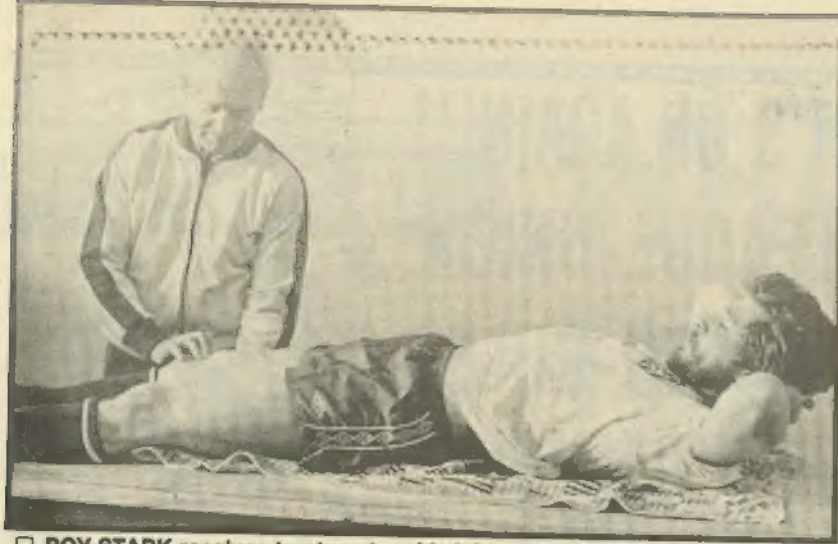
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□ ROY STARK receives treatment on his injured knee

ROY'S FAREWELL TO CANBERRA

BY BERNIE HARRIS

IT was a cold night and most folk were closetted in the warmth and comfort of their well-heated homes.

But at Canberra Airport, the halcyon days of the Canberra City saga were in overwhelming evidence as the TAA terminal was packed with in excess of 300 fans, waving all manner of objects in blue and gold.

Each player was cheered as he entered the terminal and the loudest acclaim was reserved for Canberra's captain, Roy Stark, who was submerged under an avalanche of backslapping and handshaking.

Canberra's "hard man" sought out, as he always did, the kids who waved their flags and were decked out in all their Soccer Club's finery, even to the point of having dolls dressed as their heroes.

Roy Howard Stark played 102 "official" championship and cup matches for Canberra. He was a Canberra City original, born on November 28, 1953, in Stapleford, Nottingham.

Stark was with Aston Villa from 1969 to 1975, and from 1975 to joining the fledgling ACT outfit in 1977 played for the Kwong Wah club in Hong Kong.

Roy was Canberra's enforcer, but not in the traditional "animal" mould. His talent didn't need the support of such crudities, but his tackling was fierce and memorable.

But, in the tradition of great defenders, Stark was a brilliant deceiving attacker. He gave new meaning to "ghosting into a scoring position" and many a time his head was the one to soar above the straining goalmouth cast of thousands to nod home a superb goal.

On other occasions he would shatter defences as, with the ball literally tied to his boot, his unerring control launched unstoppable incursions that usually found the back of the net.

Stark was not a model player in every respect. He must have memories of incidents during his career that he must regret.

In his case, the character of the man made forgiveness so much easier.

Roy should be playing today for the Canberra Arrows, but fate has decreed otherwise.

His last appearance for Canberra came on a loaded pitch in 1981 at the Sydney Athletic Field, when Sydney City played host to Canberra.

Stark played the second half that day in great agony with suspected broken ribs. Sydney City "swam" to a 3-2 victory. Roy further aggravated a leg injury that had been plaguing him in recent times.

Despite the skill of the surgeon's knife all at-

tempts at a comeback had to be abandoned and it appeared that he had hung up his boots for the last time.

But Roy is to make one more appearance. It will be at the National Sports Centre, commonly known in Stark's days as Bruce Stadium. The occasion is the testimonial postponed from last season.

The date is Friday, February 24 and the time 6pm. The Canberra Arrows have undertaken to provide their full squad

1984 PLANS REVEALED BY 0-28

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

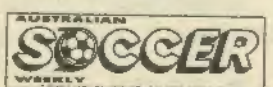
NEXT Tuesday, the NSL and Channel 0-28 will stage a very special presentation-luncheon at noon at Sydney's Boulevard Hotel.

A similar function will be staged that evening in Melbourne at the Southern Cross Hotel followed by another in Canberra.

The presentation will unveil to the Soccer Media and VIPs the network's season's operations and programme presentation format.

The launch has been packaged for the guests in the form of a video presentation, which promises to be something special, including sponsors and a general briefing to everyone involved in Soccer.

The two main "mechanics" behind the scenes putting it all together are 0-28's Executive Sports Producer, John Rowley and the NSL's General-manager, Stefan Kamaaz.



THE GAME MUST BE PROMOTED TO FANS

THE new format for this year's National League seems to have most of the Soccer fraternity madly optimistic.

Everyone, it seems, is pinning their hopes on the idea that the increased number of local derby games will pull in the crowds. Our game needs survival.

But will it happen? Soccer has no divine right to attract crowds, the game has to be sold to the public and I hope the NSL in its infinite wisdom has prepared some sort of promotions to herald the start of the 1984 season.

Let's ensure the public really know we mean business this year. Sure, crowds will definitely rise this year, the ethnic clubs will guarantee that, but the NSL cannot afford to sit back on its laurels and leave it at that.

I'm positive that,

matched properly, the game can attract even bigger crowds than we hoped for.

But now is the time for action. Most people in the street are totally confused about our new set-up, so let's educate them NOW and get them eagerly looking forward to March 4.

This can be a great year for Soccer. I hope we don't blow it, again.

■■■

ONE person who will be sadly missed at Sydney City this year is physio Bill Fenney.

He proved to be a real favourite with everyone at the club during his reign and I guess the long trek down from Gosford three or four

WATSON'S CROSSES

times a week finally took its toll on him.

Bill proved to be a top physio while at the club and he will be hard to replace. On behalf of all the players of Sydney City I wish Bill and his wife May all the very best, and hopefully we'll see him at the odd game this year, as a spectator of course.

■■■

ISNT it incredible, the Slickers have been training now for six

BY JOE WATSON

weeks with two weeks remaining till the season starts and we still haven't even seen inside the Sydney Athletic Field, our home ground. And we wonder why the game is not progressing.



ARROWS DISPUTE: GIBSON REPLIES

BY BERNIE HARRIS

THIS year began tragically for Ian Gibson.

While he was holidaying overseas, his wife was critically injured in a road accident.

Gibson returned to Australia and in the past few weeks has spent a daily vigil at his wife's bedside. Despite her massive injuries, she has shown considerable improvement in recent weeks, although her condition is still serious.

Whilst Gibson believes that his difficulties with Doug Collins have their roots in a clash of personalities, he says he was one of three or four players offered new contracts for the 1984 season.

When Collins arrived in the ACT and within days had transfer-listed nine players in the old squad, Gibson appeared on local

commercial television to put the players' side.

He did so following a phone call from Collins for him to answer a request from the television station for a player to put the players' case. Collins had recommended him.

Gibson accepted the invitation, after Collins had encouraged him to "speak your mind". Gibson emphasises that he was not putting his own case, and feedback from his fellow team members confirmed he had represented their complaints fairly.

Gibson adds that he was in agreement with the new system of payments introduced by Collins, which relies heavily on players winning games to make their money.

Next Gibson referred to

RECENTLY ASW has reported on the problems between Canberra Arrows coach Doug Collins and Canberra midfielder striker Ian Gibson. Now Gibson gives his side of the story.

the apparent resentment of a query by Gibson as to who would be in Collins' squad. Gibson explains the matter this way:

"Winning is the key to earning the incentives. I asked a casual question about the composition of his squad. It was not a demand or a major inquiry."

"At that time, he had transfer-listed more than half the squad — eight or nine players. There were rumours that Lotto of NSW, the sponsor, was pulling out."

"Where would he get the money for new players? Who would the players be? Did the club have the money to buy new players?"

"So I asked him directly about the squad. He told me that he would have a great squad and that I would struggle to get into it."

Gibson left on his overseas holiday — paid for by the Arrows — without reaching agreement with Collins on a new contract.

Gibson contends that he was not told of any deadline.

Following his rush return to Sydney, Gibson contacted Collins to advise him that he was ready to sign his new contract.

"The first I knew about reduced terms on his original offer to me was when I rang him from Sydney. Nothing had been said to me about reduced terms before then."

"Anyway, I said I would come down to see him and I did so."

Gibson says of that interview that the impression might be gained from the earlier ASW report that Collins offered him reduced terms and he

declined them.

He continues: "That is not the case. Collins in fact did not offer me any terms at all during the last meeting. He merely said that he did not know at that stage whether there was a place for me in the Arrows."

"He added that, if he decided that there was a place for me, it would be on reduced terms."

Gibson states that he told Collins that the coach had had time to think about the matter and asked him to tell him, if there was a place for him, the figure he was prepared to offer him to sign on.

"I wanted him to make the decision then," Gibson says. "But he refused to do that. It was suggested that I get in touch or come back in a few days to discover what the figure was to be if he wanted me."

"At that point, the discussions broke down."

Gibson argues that it is ironic that Collins should say he did not know whether he wanted him when he (Gibson) had been among the few players to be offered a new contract after Collins took over the Arrows.

Subsequently, of course, a transfer fee of \$15,000 was put on Gibson.

He claims he returned to Canberra wanting to let bygones be bygones.

He told Collins that by his actions he was denying to the club a valuable player, but Collins had retorted that Gibson was not indispensable.

As Gibson says: "As things presently stand, everybody is losing out all the way round."

"It is really a standoff," Gibson concludes.

JONES A LONER

BY MYLES HAY

THESE are changed days at Newcastle where the versatile David Jones finds himself the only Englishman in the squad.

Not that Jones has yet re-signed for KB, having turned down two offers to date.

A former English Youth international and one of the team's longest-serving players, Jones arrived at a time when Alan Vest was in control of a largely English contingent.

Though he could gain a spot in one of the Sydney-based sides, he has settled in the Newcastle area, working in the printing industry, and now has many ties in the district.

Craig Mason, who skippered the side last year, has declared he will not play Soccer at all this season, but efforts are being made to change his mind.

One wonders if former central defender Roy Drinkwater could come back into the picture.

Drinkwater retired at the end of the 1982 season, mainly due to his business commitments, and it is understood that he is still a retained Newcastle player.



□ DAVID JONES: long-serving

MOUNTFORD TO FIRE IN BRISBANE

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Newcastle KB striker Bob Mountford has begun settling in at Brisbane City and early indications suggest he will be a fine capture for the Gladiators.

Mountford played in the City team in a pre-season tournament match against Wynnum last week, and, although well short on match fitness after a holiday in England, he showed some nice touches.

With youngsters like Stephen Glockner, Lee Scriggins and Angelo Falco forming the main part of City's striking depth, the club desperately needed an experienced striker to compliment the youth.

The signing of Mountford was actually recommended by former City coach Jim Hermiston, but Joe Gilroy is equally keen to add the former Stockport striker to his squad.

The arrival of Mountford sparked City's excitable fans to begin predicting big things for their team this season.

"There is a lot of work to be done and I don't expect City to have as good a start to the season as they did last year. But things will improve and I expect us to finish about mid-table," Gilroy said.

AUSTRALIA LACKS FLAIR AND SKILL

FAIRY MEADOW, the NSW State League division 2 team which I now coach, has had the privilege of having Phil O'Connor, Chris Dunleavy, Larry Gaffney and Jeff Ainsworth training with us in recent weeks.

All of these players were in dispute with Wollongong City over terms. It was interesting watching the various style of these players in training.

All of them are excellent trainers and good players, but with the exception of Phil O'Connor they all lack flair and typify today's bread and butter English professional.

I was interested to read a remark by new Melbourne Croatia coach, Terry Hennessy. He said that Soccer teams in this country lacked system.

England, the place where he played his professional Soccer and learned the basics of coaching, is riddled with system.

Soccer in England is so systemised it is driving people away from the game in droves.

The concept of "Total Football" burst onto the world scene in 1974 with the brilliant, innovative and



PHIL O'CONNOR

mobile Dutch national team.

Yet 10 years on we still have the "target men", defensive midfielders, ponderous double centre backs, midfield link men (doing almost all of the distribution of the ball) and the rest of the restricted, system riddled Soccer that is killing the game over there.

It is interesting that two very untypical

English players, Ken Boden and Phil O'Connor both made very limited impact over there.

Both obviously suffered the problems of fitting their skills and flair into the overpowering and limiting team game as is practised in England.

Even England's brilliantly gifted Tottenham player Glenn Hoddle is finding it hard to bring his game above the workshop level — and operate at the executive standard his fine skills deserve.

English coach, Ken Morton, had Wollongong City playing the hard working English team game which brought a respectable place on the competition table but it bored the crowds, many of whom refused to come and watch it.

Larry Gaffney, is Australian and learned his game here.

According to ASW's Phil Murphy, he had a lot of attacking flair before joining the English based set up at Wollongong two years ago.

MIKE JOHNSON



"The brightness has gone from his game now," said Murphy.

I make these remarks not to put down Dunleavy, Ainsworth, or Gaffney, but more to defend Australian

Soccer and more especially Australian coaches from the implied criticism inherent in Terry Hennessy's remark.

This followed up previous remarks by ASW writer, Gary Cutler, denigrating Australian coaches and lauding coaches from overseas.

Holland's Simon Kistemaker, who took Brisbane Lions to the bottom of the national league last year, Rudi Gutendorf and Tommy Docherty are all "top" overseas coaches.

They, like other recent coaches from overseas, Joe Gilroy, Doug Collins and last year's Canberra coach, George Murray, have all found that where they came from makes them no less susceptible to the trauma of Australian coaching than the rest of us.



GLENN HODDLE: gifted

MARCONI SIGN CARTER

BY DAVID JACK

PAUL CARTER will move from Leichhardt to Marconi this week.

The 19-year-old full-back has been transfer-listed for several weeks at a fee of \$25,000, but, on appeal, that figure was reduced.

Carter is one of the most promising defenders in Soccer and Marconi coach Les Scheinflug has wanted him for some time.

The youngster just missed the cut-off for a place in Australia's 16-man international team which won the Merlion Cup in Singapore in November — although he was in the original squad of 22.

At that time, national coach Scheinflug said, "If I could have taken 17 players, Carter would have gone with us."



PAUL CARTER



NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS signs for Olympic

OLYMPIC'S NEW BOY

By JOHN ECONOMOS

NICK THEODORAKOPOULOS, after many months of speculation, was signed on the weekend by Sydney Olympic.

Olympic paid \$6,000 transfer to NSW State League side, Marrickville Olympic, for the 19 year old striker.

In recent weeks, Parramatta Melita, Canberra Arrows, Blacktown City and Heidelberg United, all showed interest in Theodorakopoulos, but in the end, Olympic were successful.

Last season, Nick was top goalscorer in the State League, hitting the target 17 times.

Olympic's president, Jim "Cannon" Petinellis, told ASW:

"I delayed my decision

to sign Nick for many weeks for various reasons, and I feel that with the right service from our midfielders, he could prove to be the answer to our goal drought.

"He will have every chance to make the first team and could prove a good asset for Sydney Olympic."

Meanwhile, Theodorakopoulos told us: "I'm looking forward to the challenge of NSL football and am pleased that Olympic wanted me. I will certainly try my best to justify the club's decision to buy me."

BANFIELD MAY BE BACK

BY TOM McKAIN

THE Neil Banfield saga has ended — but it could be only for the moment.

The former English Youth team defender has decided to stay on in the UK and try his luck with Orient, who had him on loan from Adelaide City.

When City tried to hold him to a two-year contract, he appealed to the English FA and ASF.

He was released free and clear under the rule which allows players who are not full-time professionals to return to the UK for free, a rule which also applies when they come to Australia.

NEIL BANFIELD



City had tried to obtain a transfer fee, in an effort to recoup money spent on Banfield.

He was one of their two visa players. Now City is free to sign another visa player.

Here is where Banfield could be back.

With City allowed only two visa men, Banfield could return to Australia and join another NSL club — or could he?

He signed a contract

with City for two years which stipulated he would play for them — if he returned to Australia.

Is this contract now null and void?

If Banfield returns within the two years must he play for City? And can he if they already have two visa players?

We feel that perhaps there has been another misunderstanding, for the want of a better word, over the free clearance ruling.

We were under the impression that this applied only to players who came to Australia as migrants, not visa men.

In other words, a visa man, unhappy with his contract, can return to England for nothing then bounce back to Australia and a new club once his old club fills its visa quota.

We have yet to see if Banfield will do this.

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VICTORIA REPORTING

BROGAN FIRES A HAT TRICK

TOP FOUR DECIDED

BY GARY CUTLER

A hat trick by David Brogan and a brilliant free kick was enough to give Melbourne Croatia a place in the Buffalo Gold Cup final.

A tremendous free kick by Joe Biskic left Dennis Boland wondering what had hit him.

This stole the show from Brogan who scored the goals that he had been threatening to all through the tournament.

Croatia opened the scoring after only four minutes and from then on it was not a case of who would win but by how many.

Brogan showed his class when he rounded the keeper and a defender before bringing the ball back from a narrow angle to score when a lesser player may have shot earlier.

Croatia coach Terry Hennessey said after the game: "This is a great result for the club. I am very pleased for all the players and supporters that we have reached the final. It will be a tough game next week but we will be prepared for a battle. We created and took our chances when we needed to and scoring goals is what the game is all

about." As for Footscray, Bobby McLachlan will need to work on his squad if they

are to compete in the NSL this year but he may well be fighting a losing battle.



□ BOBBY McLACHLAN: determined

TROUBLED TIMES

BY GARY CUTLER

ALL does not appear to be well at the newly promoted Melbourne Croatia club.

At the start of the season, new coach Terry

Hennessey made it clear that although he was

pleased with his squad of players, he felt that with another two top players he would be in a position to challenge for honours in his first season in Australia.

With the start of the National League only weeks away, the club has yet to add strength to last year's squad.

President Joe Sigur said "We have money available for players but there is no way that I am prepared to pay inflated prices for players in their late 20's.

"They must realise that for the money they are asking, I could bring a top player from Europe who will do the job better than nearly any player in Australia.

"How can the Green Gully club ask \$20,000 for Peter Lewis? He is a good player but there is no way any club will pay that money for a full-back.

"The same applies to Paul Lewis who is probably one of the best strikers in Australia but at the moment he is priced out of the market," said Sigur.

So the Croatian club look as if they are about to dive into the overseas market and bring out a player.

share of scoring chances, but their attacking moves crashed against the defensive Souths wall.

The game resorted to penalties after extra time still failed to produce a goal.

Gary Cole opened the scoring for Preston and Sth Melb. responded with John Yzendoorn.

Claude Luchessi, Lube Petrovski, Zarko Odjakov and Zoran Rioski also netted for Preston, and for Sth Melb. Doug Brown, Kenny Murphy, Karl Halford, Bobby Russell and Alan Davidson beat Potter.

WHAT A FINAL!

BY CON NIKOLOPOULOS

THE Buffalo Cup will have a spectacular closing with two of Melbourne's best supported clubs, Sth Melbourne and Melbourne Croatia pitted in the final at Olympic Park on Saturday night.

Souths scraped into the final with a narrow 6-5 win on penalties over equal favourite Preston and Croatia recorded a comfortable 4-0 win over Footscray.

The first semi-final developed into a nightmare as both teams remained deadlocked after 110 minutes.

Reinforced by Alan Davidson, Souths were the most adventurous side.

They created opportunities galore in both halves but excellent goal-keeping by Steve Potter denied them goals.

Preston also had their

This year's Buffalo League Cup will be fought out between Knox City, Box Hill, Morwell Falcons and Polonia.

After the final round at the weekend Morwell Falcons finished top of group B even they had a very average 1-1 draw against Broadmeadows.

Polonia finished second in the group to accompany them into the semi-finals. They impressed many people by scoring 16 goals in six games.

In group A, Knox City finished top, although some people at the club were willing to admit that they were a little lucky.

Even though they are in finals and could be a surprise package, the other team in the semi finals is

Box Hill who are the strongest side I have seen this season in the State League.

Billy Murray has them working as a unit and they are sure to be in the top four for most of the season. As for the other sides in the competition, lowly Albion Rovers will have problems. At the moment they are struggling to get 11 players out and are a strong tip for relegation, can they escape again?

Other teams away to a slow start include Doveton who are not as bad as their present form suggests, Northcote City who still need a few players, Broadmeadows, the new club are adjusting to the State League.

Fawkner have missed out on the finals but under Gus McLeod will do well in this season's competition.

WEST COACH TO EXPERIMENT

BY TOM MCKAIN

WEST ADELAIDE coach Sam Salabasidis is expected to "gut" his team for their final Ampol Cup minor round match against Polonia at Hindmarsh Stadium tomorrow night.

Assured of a place in the semi-finals with four points already on the board, Salabasidis said he wanted to see as many more of his squad for 1984 as possible before the end of the night series.

Apart from the NSL squad, he also has a squad which will play in the State League First Division.

As well as any newcomers he may bring in against Polonia, who crashed 0-2 against Azzurri last week, he may switch positions for some players.

"This is a chance to experiment, and I may as well take it," said the coach who has his young charges playing at 100 miles an hour.

It is tipped he will move Graham Honeyman from the joint double stopper role with Neil McGachey into the midfield, which has lacked experience in the first two matches.

And young Brenton Hiern, a regular in the NSL last year, may come from the Ampol bench and play stopper with McGachey sweeping.

Whatever happens, West will be favourites to finish top of Group A, as Polonia are a very ordinary looking combine.

In the other match, Beograd and Para Hills should provide a classic as they battle to topple Adelaide City from the top of Group B.

Beograd shook the NSL side last week with a 1-1 draw, and is now only a point behind City (two points) and level with Para, who trail on goal difference.

City shattered Para 4-0 in the early rounds, but the latter came back to demolish Birkalla 2-0.

However, on their showing against City, Beograd are also improving after that shock 1-1 draw with Birkalla on opening night.

Results so far:

Birkalla 1 Beograd 1; West 1 Azzurri 0; Croatia 1 Polonia 1; Adelaide City 4 Para 0.

West 2 Croatia 1; Para

2 Birkalla 0.

Azzurri 2 Polonia 0;

Beograd 1 Adelaide City

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□ BRENTON HIERN

BIG BRUNO COMBINES BRAINS WITH BRAWN

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

SYDNEY CROATIA defender Bruno Vidaic now has the chance to prove that he is one the best centre-backs in Australia.

He has waited for a considerable period of time to show his promising ability in the National League.

This year, his team have been promoted to the National League along with Penrith City, Blacktown City and Parramatta Melita.

Vidaic, a qualified physiotherapist, was born in Italy in 1959.

He realises that Croatia now have the chance to prove that they are one of the strongest clubs in NSW, if not Australia.

"Croatia have always aimed for the best competition. During the last few years we have dominated the NSW State League.

"Playing against the best opposition — week in week out — will bring the best out of our side.

"Realistically, we must consolidate in our first

year in the top grade," Vidaic said.

In fact, there are interesting comparisons between Croatia and St George, who both played against each other in the NSW State League in 1981.

Croatia won the championship and St George were grand final winners.

one stage was headed for a successful career in Rugby League!

During his younger years he would play Soccer on weekends and represent his high school, Fairfield Patrician Brothers, in the popular Amco Cup and other knockout competitions.

was selected in the NSW Federation U16 and U18 representative sides.

In his last year of high school, he concentrated on his studies whilst continuing to play

His first year of University was also the same. Auburn gave him much-needed spare time to get

Injuries have plagued Vidaic during the last couple of seasons. Last year a niggling groin injury kept him out of many games, but he is positive that all these problems are behind him.

"Last year I wasn't really satisfied with my form because of the groin injury. I've shaken off the problem, and this year I want to do well at club level and possibly aim for representative selection," Vidaic said.

In fact, last season Vidaic, along with teammates Steve Watson and Marijan Kovacic, were selected in the NSW squad to contest the Queensland centenary game.

Former Australian player and current Sydney Croatia coach, Atti Abonyi, holds Vidaic in the highest regard.

"He is a tremendous player and leader. A few years ago he was a virtual unknown and now he is an outstanding prospect.

"He leads by example on and off the field," Abonyi added.

Coaching experience is something that Vidaic has not been short of at Croatia. During his time at Croatia, he been under the control of Dom Kapetanovic, Fil Botalico, Josef Kuze and Atti Abonyi.

Sydney Croatia face their first real test in the NSL this year. In Bruno Vidaic they have a man who will lead them through thick and thin.

On pre-season form, Vidaic looks set to continue with his fine form from the past few years. If he does, he will rank with the best defenders in the country.

VIDAIC CAN REACH TOP

In 1982 St George won promotion to the NSL, and last year won the championship.

Vidaic, who will captaining the side for the fourth season this year, at

Vidaic is another player who played for Auburn as a junior. From the age of 15 to 20, he worked his way from the third grade side to the first team.

During this period he

his tertiary education of the ground.

It was ex-Croatia president Tony Basic who enticed him to Croatia the following year. He hasn't looked back since.

Vidaic is fairly positive about Croatia's chances in their first year in the NSL.

"We are all quietly confident. If our pre-season form is anything to go by, I think we could make the top five.

"We have the ability to beat the best of them.

"I think it's probably psychological. Last year we would play about three or four hard games during a round. Now we have to adjust to playing a hard game every week," Vidaic added.

The playing strength at Croatia is looking good this season. Not one first grade player has played in the National League before, but Vidaic feels that some of the young ones in particular will stand out.

"Now is this time for three players, in particular, to prove that they are in the top class.

"Right-back Brett Woods has stood out like a beacon during the last couple of seasons. Graham Arnold has been one of the leading goalscorers in the NSW State League for the last two seasons, and new signing from Sutherland, Shane Clinch, is improving with every performance.



PERSONALITY OF THE WEEK

BRUNO VIDAIC



□ Vidaic in action from two NSW State League Grand Finals for Croatia:

ABOVE: 1981 — Croatia lost to St George. Vidaic is pictured challenging Saints' Ernie Campbell.

BELOW: 1983 — Croatia defeated Melita in a marathon struggle. Here the Croatia captain attempts to force his way past two Melita players.



□ 1984-style Bruno Vidaic, pictured in Croatia's Ampol Cup win over Sydney Olympic

RANGERS STRIKERS WORTH A MILLION

BY TOM ANDERSON

A RAPIER-like striking duo valued at a million dollars will test the Socceroo defence to the limit when Glasgow Rangers visit here in May.

At the start of the season the Glasgow club shelled out a cool \$1 million to English First Division clubs Sunderland and West Ham for strikers Ally McCoist and Sandy Clark.

Both are expatriot Scots who had hit the high spots in Scotland and had been transferred down south for big fees.

However, they found life in England not to their liking and were only too pleased to join the famous Glasgow Rangers when then manager John Greig went on a buying spree.

But despite being with one of the finest clubs in the world, life back in the land of the heather and the haggis was very difficult for the two highly-priced strikers.

The expected goals just did not flow and Rangers dropped dangerously near the foot of the Scottish Premier Division.

Suddenly it all changed and John Greig was no longer the boss at Ibrox Park.

Swept back to power was the irrepressible Jock Wallace, a brilliant manager who in a previous spell at the club had brought the Rangers honour and dignity.

Wallace came back to the hallowed halls of Ibrox like a messiah, and the winds of change quickly raged through the corridors of the magnificent stadium.

Pride was restored to the 'Gers and the players once again began to believe in themselves and their club.

This is the way it is with Wallace, and the way it always will be!

For Clark and McCoist, with their transfer fees weighing heavily on their shoulders, it was like a reprieve and at last the goals began to flow.

Much, of course, to the detriment of our own Soc-

ceroo striker David Mitchell, also with the Rangers.

The returned form of this pair has seen Big Dave relegated to the reserves.

For McCoist it was third time lucky. Twice before in his career he had turned down chances to the 'Gers.

the Rangers and this time their persistence paid off and at long last Ally McCoist came "home".

Sandy Clark has also been "Rangers daft" since he was knee-high to a grasshopper!

Born and bred in Airdrie, Clark signed for his local club in 1970 and after a long wait of 13 years

them to come to Australia in May with a major cup in the trophy room.

I had the great pleasure to visit Ibrox a few weeks ago during a visit to Europe and Jock Wallace told me that he was eagerly looking forward to his club's Australian visit.

"I want to use it as a dress rehearsal for our venture into Europe next year," Wallace told me.

"We will not be coming on a 'holiday' ... under

my command Rangers play no 'friendly' games!"

This will also be a tremendous test for the Socceroo defence and, as in the series against England, David Ratcliffe will be a key man in the Australians' bid to contain the Rangers spearhead of McCoist and Clark.

However, the Socceroo camp is likely to get some "inside information" on their task as David Mitchell will be allowed to wear the Green and Gold during this series.

Rangers' last tour of Australia was an outstanding success and with Clark and McCoist on the goal train this coming tour promises to be even better!

McCOIST, CLARK BANG IN GOALS

However he is convinced that on the two occasions he made the right decisions and when he did sign it was the "correct time".

McCoist has always been a died-in-the-wool Rangers fan, and from the time he kicked his first ball he wanted to wear the famous light blue jersey.

The 'Gers first tried to sign him when he was 16 but instead he decided to sign for provincial club St Johnstone.

McCoist's reasoning was that he felt he had a much better chance of reaching the top in his sporting profession by starting with a smaller club.

Soon he became one of the wanted men in Scottish Soccer, with Sunderland, Middlesbrough, Wolves and the Rangers queued up to sign him.

Once again McCoist turned his back on Rangers and, because he felt he still had a great deal to learn about the game, decided to sign for Sunderland.

There under the coaching of Mike Docherty — the son of Tommy Docherty — he finished his apprenticeship.

Then after a short spell in England, along came

as a professional he achieved his ambition to become join the 'Gers when he was transferred to Ibrox in 1983.

In 1981 Clark was awarded the highest honour a professional footballer in Britain can receive when he was named the Professional Footballers' Association's Player of the Year.

After receiving this award he decided to try his luck in England and signed for West Ham United.

Despite being top scorer with the Hammers, he still had a longing to be back in Scotland with his beloved Rangers.

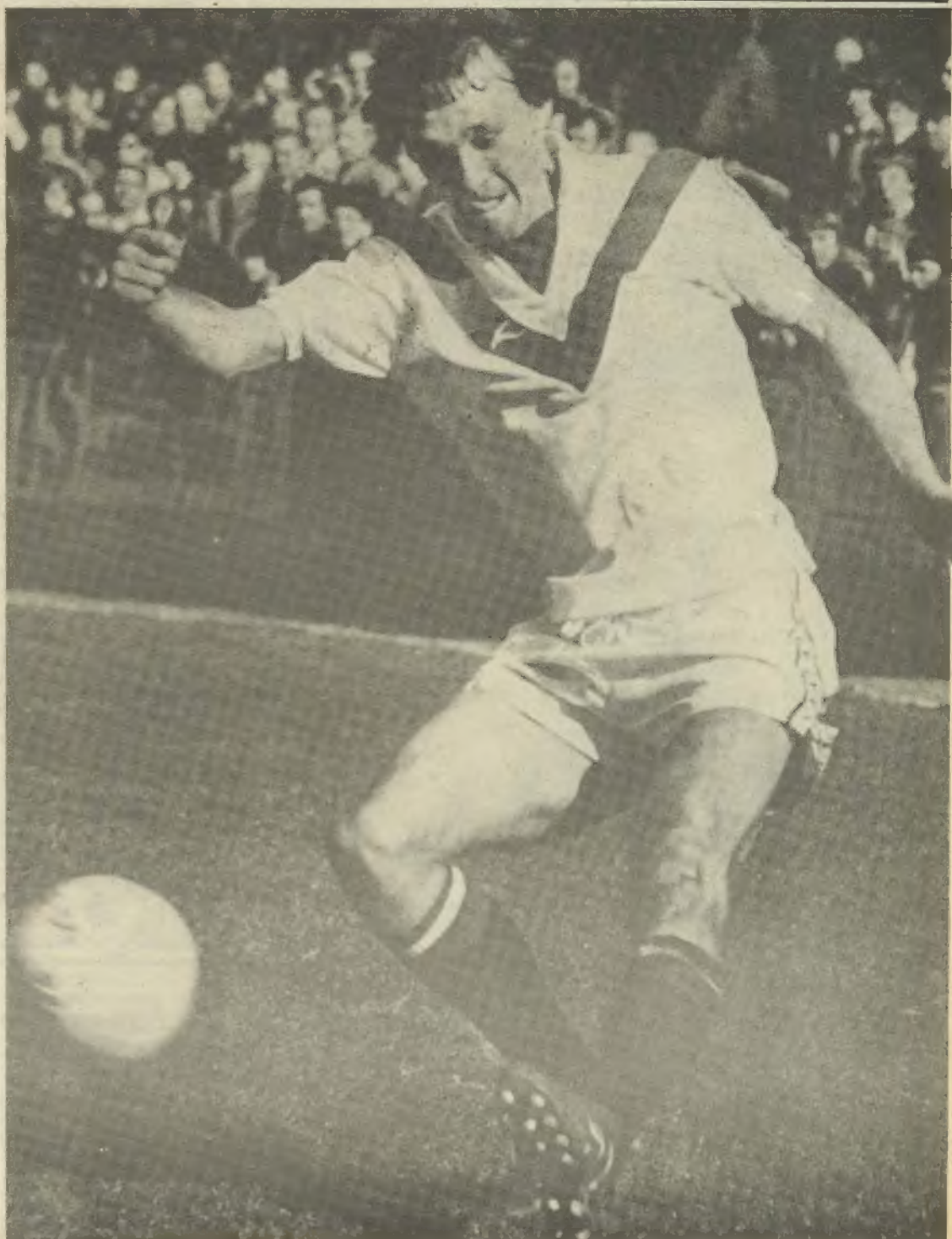
And after only seven months in London, Sandy Clark trekked back home.

Now under the leadership of 'General' Jock Wallace, and with Clark and McCoist firing on all cylinders, the Rangers are in with a big chance of capturing honours in Scotland once more.

They are into the semi-final of the League Cup and last week they held hot-shots Dundee United to a draw in Dundee.

The club is also going along well in the Scottish Cup and it would be a tremendous boost for

□ Glasgow Rangers two highly-priced strikers pictured in the strips of their former clubs — Ally McCoist (right) pictured when he was with Sunderland, and Sandy Clark (below) from his days with Airdrie. These two strikers are expected to be seen in action in Australia when Rangers tour in May.



□ Rangers' captain John McClelland welcomes Clark to Ibrox

AROUND THE A.C.T.

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□ JIMMY CANT (left) and DANNY MOULIS (right): two players who will appear in the Roy Stark testimonial match



LOTTO'S KIND GESTURE

As a pre-season gesture to its major sponsor, Lotto Management services, the Arrows travelled to Albury last Saturday to play an Albury select team as well as be involved in community promotions for both Soccer and lotto.

Full marks to lotto area manager Bill Graham on an excellent promotion for all concerned.

EX-ARROWS SET FOR STARK TESTIMONIAL

Ivan Grujic, Steve Kogsza, John Brown, Nick Boskov, Ron Tilsed, Jimmy Cant, Danny Moulis and Roy Stark himself are just some of the original Canberra City team which will take the field for the Roy Stark testimonial at Bruce Stadium this Friday at 6.00pm.

The many Canberra supporters wishing to assist the Roy Stark testimonial can contact Roy on 312025.

ARROWS NSL DRAW

Three home games in the first four matches is one of the highlights of the NSL draw released last week.

Here is the full draw for the Arrows for 1984.

March 3-4 Wollongong City in Canberra

March 11 St George away.

March 17-18 Brunswick Juventus in Canberra

March 24-25 South Melbourne in Canberra.

April 1 Blacktown City away.

April 7-8 Parramatta Melita in Canberra.

April 15 Inter-conference Challenge round. (Decided by placings on Conference table at the end of round five).

April 22 Preston away.

April 25 (Anzac Day) 28 or 29 V Melbourne Croatia in Canberra. Note actual date depends on proposed ACT V Tasmania representative match planned for Canberra on April 29.

If this match goes ahead the Arrows will play Melbourne Croatia on Anzac Day.

May 6 Adelaide City away.

May 13 Penrith City away.

May 20 Sydney Croatia in Canberra.

May 23 till June 17 International matches for Socceroos plus NSL cup. The earlier rounds which will be played on a round robin basis. The Arrows being drawn with Sydney Olympic, Penrith City and Parramatta Melita.

June 24 Intra-conference challenge round based on conference table placings at the end of round 11.

July 1 Newcastle KB in Canberra.

July 8 Sydney Olympic away.

July 15 Leichhardt away.

July 22 Marconi in Canberra.

July 29 Inter conference challenge round based on conference placings at the end of round 16.

August 5 Green Gully away.

August 12 Sydney City in Canberra.

August 19 Footscray away.

August 26 Wollongong in Canberra.

September 2 Inter-Conference challenge round based on placings at the end of round 21.

September 9 West Adelaide in Canberra.

September 16 Sunshine George cross away.

September 23 Heidelberg in Canberra.

September 29 Newcastle KB away.

October 7 Intra Conference Challenge round based on Conference placings at the end of round 26.

SMALL TOWN

Canberra's a small town and no-one has found that out quicker than Arrows coach Doug Collins.

Taking his 10 year-old son Danny to Melba primary school on the first day back at school, the headmaster was none other than NSL executive member and a foundation Canberra City president David Dillon.

The Arrows will run its own radio show on community radio station 2XX during the fourth coming season.

Although organised by the Arrows, the program will carry items of interest to all Soccer people in the ACT.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Canberra is a multi-cultural society and this fact is more than well illustrated by taking a look at some of the names in Victor Fernandez' Arrows youth team.

For example: Lino Fiorese, Frank Giovinazzo, George Economopoulos, Joe Gagetti, Peter Depont, Victor Fernandez junior, Ibrahim Gahut,

Frank Madaffari, Claudio Cuiffetelli and Frank D'Addario.

Victor hopes to sign Bill Smith next week!

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KB AFTER PM'S CUP

Newcastle KB, keen to retain the Prime Ministers Cup which they have lost only once since its inception in 1978, have named the following squad for this Sunday's match against the Canberra Arrows at Seiffert Oval, Queanbeyan:

Gosling, Kirby, Stan-kovic, Boogaard, Haslem, Jones, Senkalski, Mason, Maier, McLelland, Brandt, Reserves: Bourke, Cowburn.

KB coach Ken Kaiser regards the match as an important one for Newcastle in view of the un-

tried team that will take the field for the first NSL match the following week.

Naturally disappointed at losing David Lowe to Marconi and possibly Howard Tredinnick as well as the loss of Mountford and Watson, Kaiser

still hopes to emulate the splendid results of last season.

He also stated that KB were keen to retain the Cup which they have dominated against their country cousins Canberra for so many years.

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CHIT HAT



ANDY SCOTT, former Sydney Olympic and Manly player, who returned to Macclesfield, England to open a sports store, recently went to meet some 70 young Australian Soccer youngsters at Altrincham, near Manchester.

The young "Vegemites" were over in England on Stephens Sport Travel's U.K. Soccer tour for specialised coaching as well as touring most of England's famous First Division grounds.

Andy supplied all the young Aussies with Soccer shirts, shorts and track-suits at unbelievable savings off retail prices.

One youngster, Alan Curtis, bought as many as 21 English Soccer shirts off Andy as he couldn't resist the bargain prices.

Andy's sports store was officially opened last week by former Olympic and Manchester United manager, Tommy Docherty.

SPEAKING of Andy Scott, when he left Australia, he was playing left fullback with Olympic and Manly. But since his return to England, Andy felt he should try going back to central striking.

Andy's team, Macclesfield, won 3-0 and "Scotty" cracked a hat-trick during the Aussie boys' visit.

BRISBANE CITY has given Scottish striker Joe Cairney a free transfer.

Cairney, who has an extension on his visa until next year, never really settled in at Spencer Park and club officials believe it is best to let the Scotsman go as easily as possible.

Cairney has not ruled out a move interstate and can be contacted on (07) 350 2048.

"YOU can have training session after training session, but the real test comes when you smell the liniment in the dressing room and know there are 11 other players in the adjoining dressing room ready to do battle," ... Canberra Arrows coach Doug Collins says.



□ **MIKE McLAUGHLIN: Injury**

IT wasn't a very happy start to what could have been a big year for young Mike McLaughlin.

The former Australian Institute of Sport student joined Blacktown City in the NSW State League last season, and was a regular goalscorer.

He would have been looking forward to his chance to make it in the NSL... until he suffered a groin injury in the Demons' first Ampol Cup match.

His injury has left Blacktown with only one regular striker at this stage — promising youngster Johnny Larkin.

MARSHALL SOPER might have to stay back to get in a bit of penalty-taking practice after his Sydney Olympic teammates have finished training.

Soper has missed two-out-of-two penalty attempts in pre-season games.

PENRITH CITY's new signing, Dave McIntosh, didn't have a very enjoyable debut for his new club against St George.

Saints won 4-1. McIntosh, a stopper, was well out of position when Saints scored their third goal.

Then he fouled Robbie Slater, which resulted in a penalty for the fourth goal.

WEST ADELAIDE has signed on a new coach — Shirley Brown.

But she's not replacing Sam Salabasidis.

The high school physical education teacher will play in and coach West's new women's team after qualifying top of the class for her level II ASF coaching certificate.

MISFORTUNE keeps falling on Newcastle KB.

Enthusiastic striker Tony Caban could be out of action for two months with an injured ankle sustained in a friendly against Adamstown.

Former Adamstown and Austral player John Macquarrie has joined KB.

He is a young player with tremendous potential, though at times appearing to lack dedication. He will get an early chance to win a regular first team spot.

WHAT are the O'Shea brothers worth to St George?

Well, \$150,000 is the amount coach Frank Arok required in insurance cover for the three before he would agree to them appearing in the Roy Stark testimonial match this coming Friday.

But who could argue against Arok's wisdom when the recent injury to the Arrows' Terry Byrne is considered? It happened in a friendly match; Byrne was not covered by insurance; and the injury is likely to sideline Byrne for more than the current season.

THE competition for the leisure dollar will be tested this weekend in Canberra. The Roy Stark testimonial is on Friday evening, while on Sunday the Prime Minister's Cup will be contested.

Over the three days of the weekend is the Royal Canberra Show, punctuated by a home appearance on Saturday of the National Basketball League premiers of 1983, the Canberra Cannons.

Officials will watch the Arrows' attendances with interest, especially in view of the NSL draw which is regarded by many as far from attractive for the Arrows.

THERE must have been some interesting banter between two young players in one Canberra flat recently.

Canberra Arrows defender Jim Murray drew praise from coach Doug Collins for his commitment for the Arrows against the Australian Institute of Sport team in the opening round of the Friendship Cup. The Arrows won the game comfortably 5-1.

Appearing in the AIS strip was none other than Murray's flatmate — Frank Farina, who had accepted a guest scholarship from AIS head coach Jim Shoulder.

Murray gave Farina a torrid time, but the main topic of discussion between the two would surely have been the penalty awarded to the AIS when Murray was judged to have brought down Farina in the area, a decision disputed by many observers.

WEST ADELAIDE made a bid to sign striker Gary Cole from Heidelberg, but Preston got in first.

However, coach Sam Salabasidis is adamant he must have an experienced striker to lead the West attack, and he agrees the club will have to spend big to get one.

He also tried to get Sydney City's John Kosmina, but the Australian captain is not moving.

PITY Sam Galopoulos, president of Heidelberg. Sam has been trying to sign Phil O'Connor from Wollongong since November but, a week after getting O'Connor, the player said he didn't want to live in Melbourne and asked for a release from his contract.

"It's three and a half months of wasted time and effort for Heidelberg," said Galopoulos.



□ **GARY COLE: West bid**

IN the Leichhardt-Sydney City Ampol Cup clash last week, the Bottalico brothers lined up on the field in opposite teams.

After playing together at State League clubs North Sydney and Rockdale, Alex and Jimmy Bottalico went different ways at the start of 1983.

Alex, a forward, moved to Sydney City, where he played in the reserve team. He was promoted to the first team for the Ampol Cup series.

Younger brother Jimmy, a stopper, who also played for Croatia and Melita Eagles for short periods, went to Leichhardt with his father Fil, who had taken over as coach.

"IT'S a funny thing but every team which plays against Sydney Olympic gives 101 per cent — and that makes it very hard for us."

The comment comes from Jim Petinellis, president of Olympic.

QUEENSLAND Soccer Federation president Ian Brusasco missed only narrowly in a bid to become Lord Mayor of Brisbane.

A secret coup had been planned to topple present Lord Mayor Roy Harvey and Brusasco's supporters thought they had the numbers until the morning of the bid.

But a late decision by one alderman to support Harvey left the Brusasco supporters with no choice but to abandon their bid.



□ **JIM MURRAY: torrid**

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The guest referee for the late game will be recently-retired FIFA referee Tony Boskovic.

Butler has been with the APLA-Leichhardt club for 20 years, since he was a youngster in the APLA juniors.

"I want to finish my days with the same club I began my Soccer career," Butler said.

Last year Butler played some of his best football, from his central midfield position, and looks like repeating that this year.

He has also represented New South Wales and Australia.



DON'T be surprised to see West centre-back Robbie Dunn in a Melbourne Croatia shirt when the NSL kicks off.

Big money is being dangled in front of the big defender who is now on State League team Azzurri's books.

Word is Croatia were offering a \$13,000 signing-on fee, which made the \$1,500 offered by West look very meagre.



JOHN CONSTANTINE, NSW Federation president, promises: "When NSW plays Queensland on April 29, our players will be flat out to reverse last year's poor result."

"We have the best coach in Frank Arok and we will field a formidable squad in Brisbane. I cannot promise victory but NSW will do their best."



TOMMY McCULLOCH, who arrives back in Australia today (Tuesday) after trialling with Southampton, hopes Marconi and Southampton can sort out suitable terms for him to sign for the English club next November.

"I really loved the life of a full-time professional and I'm determined to have another go at it when the Australian season ends," said Tommy.



□ TOMMY McCULLOCH pictured talking to juniors at Wairoonga Soccer Club

TOMORROW night, Sydney Olympic are holding a media dinner at their Redfern licensed club.

Players, coaches and officials will be on hand to answer all the questions.

Coach Manfred Schaefer has high hopes for Olympic in 1984 and the players have certainly looked very sharp in pre-season matches.



LEICHHARDT'S attempts to secure Henson Park as their home ground for this season met countless frustrations.

But now Leichhardt president Nick Papallo can rest easy — the club will play a total of 16 matches there this season.

Papallo said: "I deserve a medal for persistence. Meetings and phone calls have been almost a full-time job for me in recent weeks."

Last year, Papallo went through similar problems in his efforts to secure Leichhardt Oval for the team.

That produced nothing but disappointment. Let's hope Henson Park — like Leichhardt Oval a recognised Rugby League ground — is eventually sub-leased to Leichhardt Soccer Club.

Rugby League jealously guards what it considers its traditional homes around Sydney.

ST GEORGE coach Frank Arok was impressed with the new-look Wollongong City team after a trial match at Wollongong Showground.

Wollongong won the game 1-0 with a Peter Beggs goal, and the young Coast team turned in a very determined effort.

Young midfielders Peter Kotamanides and Alex Bundalo showed they will improve with every game.

Arok didn't have Robbie Slater or Peter Stone in his line-up, but said he felt Wollongong gave a strong performance.

"They have a young side with plenty of enthusiasm and can only get better as the season goes on," Arok said.



WOLLONGONG CITY will have a special promotion at half-time during home games this season.

Alliance Acceptance have provided a \$2,000 sponsorship to stage a shoot-out competition among Illawarra junior players.

It will be run in age-groups and should prove popular with the Wollongong supporters.

The scheme is the brainchild of Wollongong's assistant coach Terry Hurley, who works for Alliance Acceptance.

FRANK AROK, named NSW coach for the interstate match against Queensland in Brisbane, admits he is apprehensive about his team's chances.

"Too many star players have been out of action because of disputes with their clubs," laments Arok.

As caretaker national coach last year, Arok went talent-hunting at the Queensland v NSW game ... and was very disappointed by NSW's performance in their 3-0 defeat.



SYDNEY CROATIA centre-back Glenn Sterrey will be out for quite a while after having a major knee operation.

Sterrey, 24, was a key player in Croatia's 1982 championship-winning season, but injury problems saw him miss out on many games last year. His place in the centre of the defence was taken by his younger brother Lee.

The brothers learnt their Soccer in the Bankstown district, but, until they were signed up by Croatia three years ago, they were only playing park Soccer.



ADELAIDE CITY are poised to sign a new striker — 23-year-old Mark Gatensby, who has been starring and scoring in trial matches.

An Englishman, he played in New Zealand last year and came to Adelaide to visit City centre-back Neville Flounders.

He has a ticket back to England from his Kiwi club, but City will return this and sign Gatensby if the immigration people will provide him with a visa.

Gatensby and Flounders played for Witney Town in England.

SAINTS NOT SITTING ON THE FENCE!

BY DAVID JACK

ST GEORGE STADIUM will be the first fully-enclosed ground in Australian Soccer.

"Enclosed" meaning the complete segregation of spectators from players, referees and line-men.

Once again Saints are the trend-setters. They are erecting a wire-mesh fence eight feet high, and it will go all round the playing area.

This is normal procedure in football grounds all over the world but St George will be the first Australian club to introduce it.

"It is just a precaution," said Saints president Alex Pongrass.

"At times in the past children and also adults have invaded the playing area. We believe this must be stopped."

The actual mesh will be wide so it does not interfere with viewing.

"We are using ordinary wire — not barbed wire," added Pongrass.

With the help of St George's ever-willing army of voluntary "labourers" plus some shrewd dealing in the necessary material, Saints will have their fence in place for about \$3,000 at the start of the NSL season.

It is only a matter of time before every club in the NSL will have to follow suit.

Overseas experience suggests mesh fencing is the only way to keep irresponsible spectators off the pitch.

St George, always the innovators, have once again shown Australian Soccer how to handle a serious problem.

YOUTH striker Manis Lamond is back in Canberra. His failure to return on time caused concern among Arrows officials, and the information from Papua-New Guinea left many doubts as to his whereabouts.

The sad news is that Lamond's family suffered a bereavement. ASW extends its sympathy to Manis and his family.



MARTIN ROYAL, former ABC Soccer man now retired, is enjoying his 12 months holiday in his home country, England.

Martin writes to say he is a regular at Watford's home games and is looking forward to seeing them win the F.A. Cup for the very first time.

He sends his best wishes to all friends in Australia and says he'll be back with us around August — after an extensive tour of Ireland and the European continent.



TONY LABBOZZETTA, vice-chairman of the National League, is very angry about the sniping aimed at national coach Les Scheinflug.

Labbozzetta sits on the World Cup sub-committee and, when asked if some members of that committee were out to eliminate Scheinflug, Tony replied: "In Soccer, you always find snipers around the place. As far as appointing a national coach is concerned, we never learn from mistakes made in the past."

Wouldn't it be a good idea if the people who don't want Scheinflug came out and publicly said so? Or are they worried about being ridiculed by the many people who believe Les Scheinflug has done a good job?

GULLY'S STARS ON MOVE

BY GARY CUTLER

TWO of the Green Gully players who have been responsible for the success of the club over the past three years are almost certain to leave.

Club president Guy Spiteri said "Both of these players have said they do not want to play for Green Gully: that is OK if it is what they want, but if they think they are going to get away from here for next to nothing, they have another think coming."

"We will not hold them back if they want to go but anyone wanting to buy them must be willing to pay the money we are asking. If not, they will not get them."

Spiteri then hit out at some of the clubs — say-

ing it was not right that other clubs could contact players behind the backs of committees and try to tempt them away.

I can only agree with him that coaches should first contact clubs and not players if they want to buy.

Far too often players are promised things behind people's backs but when it comes to the crunch they fall down.

Peter Lewis who is regarded by many as the best full-back in Victoria has a fee of \$20,000 on his head and it may be that this figure is too high a price to pay for a defender.

On the other hand Paul Lewis believes that he can get his fee reduced and if he does, he could well be one of the hottest properties in Australian Soccer.

The most disappointing part of this matter is that at the moment it looks like two of the best players in Victoria will be missing from the opening games in the NSL.



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CONGRATULATIONS on the 1984 new-look ASW. You beat the others by a mile.

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M. SCHNEIDER, FAIRY MEADOW, NSW.

COMPLAINT

I AM writing in the hope of getting an answer to a paradox that has been plaguing my mind.

Why is it that your publication costs \$1? And that a publication like Shoot magazine, which is printed on better quality glossy paper, includes numerous colour photographs, more pages and is

imported from overseas, cost just 65 cents.

You may indeed have good reasons; if so I'd like to know.

LASLO BIACSI, SEATON, SA.

PS: I doubt if you will really publish this letter as it may prove too embarrassing. So I dare you to answer it.

ASW EDITOR'S REPLY: We believe \$1 for ASW, Australia's premier Soccer newspaper, is a reasonable price. Another paper, published in Melbourne, sells for \$1.10. It has 16 pages while ASW regularly has 24 pages.

Regarding 'Shoot' magazine, you may be able to buy it for 65 cents, but only when it is two months old. I would be happy to sell ASW at five cents a copy two months after publication. Should you wish to buy the up-to-date issue of 'Shoot' it might cost you \$2, which includes air mail charges.

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THE KIDS PASS GRADUATION CEREMONY

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

EDDIE THOMSON'S "Kindergarten" graduated and will be an Ampol Cup final contestant after brushing aside Marconi 1-0 in the semi final.

For most of the first half, the Sydney City kids, inspired by a chance to play for Thomson's first team, grabbed their opportunity with open arms.

Thomson, due to players' disputes, was again forced to take the pitch with five youngsters replacing regular stars.

In fact, it was 20-year-old Ean Rodrigues, who in the 16th minute, fired the first serious shot on the target. However, Marconi goalkeeper, Bruce James, blocked the sharp chance.

Marconi lost English central striker, Steve Winn, in the 37th minute, through a leg injury, and he was replaced by veteran Raul Carrizo.

Marconi's star-studded forward line, lacked the ball service from a playmaker to deprive them from launching serious assaults.

Early in the second half, Sydney City launched a dangerous threat on the Marconi goal when magical Kenny

Boden busted wide down the left. Boden veered in-field a little, pumped a sharp through ball for left-back Michael Lynch who in turn whipped his cross into the box first time. Rodrigues latched onto the cross to blast a vicious point-blank shot which bounced off goalkeeper James' chest and out for a corner.

And again in the 65th, it was Sydney City who missed another golden opportunity when from 8 metres out, Fletcher blasted strongly just over the Marconi cross-bar.

Marconi, surprisingly, looked most unimaginative and lacked enterprise against the youngsters of Sydney City. Even the experience of Tony Henderson and Bertie Mariani failed to inspire them.

Then it all came to a head just four minutes from fulltime when Graeme Fletcher made amends for his miss seven minutes earlier.

Paul Kay sent into the

box a nice ball for Fletcher to nail it home from 12 metres out with a cracking left foot drive.

So now Sydney City's youngsters march next Sunday into the Cup Final, thanks to outstanding performances from Fletcher, Kay, Rodrigues, Lynch and De Marigny.

An elated Eddie Thomson said "I'm very pleased with the kids. I promised them that if they perform and deliver the goods they will keep their positions."

"The experience of Jimmy Cant, Todd Clarke and Gerardo Gomez at the back, enabled the youngsters to put it all together."

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke, O'Rourke, Lynch, Cant, Gomez, Rodrigues, Kay, Barnes, De Marigny, Boden, Fletcher.

MARCONI: James, Djordjevic, Licata, Mariani, Calderan, Henderson, Carbone, Budini, Lowe, Brown, Winn (Carrizo 37).

REFEREE: P. Rampley.



□ Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James claims this high ball in the semi-final against Sydney City



SAINTS ARE TOO SLICK

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

ST GEORGE, beaten finalists last year, advanced to the final of the 1984 Ampol Cup after keeping Croatia at bay with a well fought 1-0 victory at St George Stadium.

St George have been looking sharp during the Cup series and if they beat Sydney City this Sunday it will follow the success of winning the other pre-season tournament, the Super Challenge Cup.

Saints were well in control during the first half. Robert Slater made some damaging runs down the right touchline for the Saints.

In fact, it was Slater who scored the winning goal for Saints. Andrew Koczka put the ball through, Slater outpaced Croatia's Drago Tomasic and calmly tucked the ball home.

Both sides put together some bright passing combinations. The St George side, which is almost the same 11 that won the NSL last year, displayed more discipline and experience.

Croatia should not be disappointed with the result. Saints coach Frank Arok paid them the greatest compliment.

"I was impressed with the way Croatia played. In the second half they came out more deter-

mined with a greater sense of commitment. It was no fluke when they beat Sydney Olympic the week before," he said.

Croatia created the better opportunities in the second half but St George had two definite goal-scoring chances.

In the 41st minute Dez Marton latched onto a cross from the left and with the goal at his mercy hesitated and lost possession. In the 69th minute Koczka broke through but fired the ball over the crossbar from 15 metres out.

This didn't deter Croatia and they fought hard for the equaliser.

In the 53rd minute St George attempted a quick counter attack. The clearance deflected against Croatia's Brett Woods. He pushed forward and his shot at goal was well saved by the injured Mike Fraser. Attempts by Croatia's Vidaic, Clinch and Arnold all went over the crossbar.

Arok was pleased with the result.

"I think our experience helped us a bit more even though we also have a couple of young players in

the team. I'm pleased with the general standard of play from the boys at this stage of the season," Arok said.

Despite losing, Croatia coach, Atti Abonyi was happy with the way his team played.

"We were a bit sluggish in the first half but our effort in the second was much better. I'm happy with the way the boys have applied themselves for their first year in the NSL," Abonyi said.

Croatia were represented by Sterrey in defence and Shane Clinch and Graham Arnold never stopped trying to break through.

Players to stand out for St George were Mike Fraser in goal, David Skeen in defence and Robert Slater on the right flank.

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skeen, Robert O'Shea, Barton, Ratchiffe, Mike O'Shea, Slater, Ston Koczka (Polias 70), John O'Shea, Marton (Danks 59).

CROATIA SYDNEY: Watson, Woods, Tomasic, Basic, Sterrey, Vidaic, Enzo, Savor, Arnold Meades, Clinch.



□ St George's David Skeen tangles with Croatia midfielder Steve Meades

(photos by DAVID JELLINGS)



SWANS LINK WITH MANLY

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

DEE WHY, currently competing in the Umbro Shield for Second Division teams, are very hopeful of winning promotion to First Division this year.

Ken Malam will be coaching the side for the fourth year in succession.

In his first year he coached the side in Third Division and success arrived quickly, winning promotion that year.

Considerable changes have been made within the club during the past couple of seasons.

Liaison with First Division side Manly-Warringah looks like proving a success. Both clubs will be sharing the facilities at Cromer Park this season.

Both boards have been in constant touch with each other with the main aim to develop the young players in the district.

This is a positive step in promoting the untapped junior talent in the district. In uniting the Man-

ly area — there are over 6,000 juniors — the incentive is there for them to support either club.

Dee Why Soccer Club, which was founded as a Federation club in 1968, was separated into "two clubs" in July last year.

A limited company was formed with the new name being Dee Why Swans Soccer Club.

Previously the club fielded teams from U8 through to All-Age. These teams still play in the amateur association.

Dee Why Swans secretary Jim Preece outlines the reasons for this move.

"It was costing the amateurs too much money. Many local business people interested in Soccer banded together to form the Swans. The major aim is to develop the

young talent in the area," Mr Preece said.

A major advantage to the Swans in the development of their club and local talent in the area has been club chairman Ken Smithson.

A prominent businessman, Smithson is also one of the directors of the Manly Warringah club.

Playing strength at the club couldn't look better for the ensuing season. Centre-back Ian Foy has previously played with Scottish First Division side Dumbarton. Midfielder Jimmy Campbell and new signing Billy Kerr are also tipped for big seasons.

The club have also been quick in signing six players from Gladesville Ravens and three from north shore side Artarmon.



□ The Dee Why Swans line up prior to a promotional game against Manly Warringah last season, when George Best guested for the club. Best is pictured fourth from right in the back row.

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□ PAUL DEGNEY, Rockdale Ilinden's new signing, in action against the great Bobby Charlton during a Marconi - Newcastle KB United match in the 1970s

ILINDEN PLAN AHEAD

BY BRAD EARL

ROCKDALE ILINDEN have big plans for the next two years.

This year will be one of consolidation for them, after winning promotion from Second Division last season, in preparation for what they hope will be a big year in 1985.

Rockdale Ilinden will play at Hurstville Oval this year, but are on the verge of signing a lease for a ground at Rockdale for 1985.

Iliya Takac, who has coached St George and Yugal in past years, is coaching the team again this year after taking over early in the 1983 season.

Two players from last year's team have left — midfielder Vic Juchniewicz and left-back Greg Matheson.

Two new players brought into the squad are defenders Peter Butcher and Paul Degney.

Butcher, 26, was a junior with St George and Croatia before joining Arncliffe Scots in 1977. He stayed with that club, later known as Riverwood, until they folded last season.

For the remainder of 1983 he played for North Bankstown in Second Division.

Degney, 31, is on loan for a year from Marconi. He will play left-back in place of Matheson, who is living in Camden.



□ PETER BUTCHER: new signing

Degney played for New South Wales and Australia during his long and outstanding career with Marconi.

Three other key players will be captain and sweeper Billy Pilovski (ex-Avala), midfielder David Smith (ex-Riverwood) and striker Ross Brown (ex-Canterbury-Marrickville).

Winger Branko Karanfilovski was signed from Avala last year, but he has a bad leg injury and may require surgery.

Three youngsters who will be in contention for first grade positions this year are full-back Vasko Nikolovski and midfielders Kenny Slaveski and Vince Naeovski.

Rockdale Ilinden was only formed in 1982. After being relegated that year, they have reorganised themselves well, and will definitely be a strong team in State League this season.

The club have a good financial base, with Macedonian support, and they are very conscious of developing junior players.

For the first time this year, Ilinden are fielding teams in the NSW Youth League.



□ BRANKO KARANFILOVSKI: injury

CHALLENGE FOR GOJKOVIC AT AUBURN-URUGUAY

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

NSW State League club, Auburn-Uruguay, face a stiff challenge in the competition this year.

Auburn Soccer Club took the unprecedented step of joining forces with the Uruguayan community at the end of last season. The major reason was to increase crowd support, the quality of players and hopefully inject finances into the club.

Auburn secretary Fred Parker believes the club has taken the right step.

"In the last couple of seasons we have had minimal crowd support. We want to build up in all departments over a period of time.

"A winning side will attract crowd support. This will increase moral support within the club and hopefully financial gains," Parker added.

Auburn's history can be traced back to World War One.

First grade coach this year is Ljubo Gojkovic. He has previous experience in the National League with St George, Sydney Olympic and most recently Sydney City.

Last year he coached the Sydney City youth team and they ran out convincing winners of the National Youth League by 13 points.

Gojkovic, a professor of Physical Education, has some interesting views on coaching and players in general.

"People seem to believe that players are born. Youngsters are not properly coached and if they were, you would notice an improvement over a period of time.

"If a youngster has abilities (speed, co-ordination, endurance and flexibility), he can be trained and developed into a top-class player," Gojkovic said.

Changing from the NSL to the NSW State League should be a challenge for Gojkovic.

"Auburn look very ambitious. I want to prove to many people that you can create a team of players who are practically all of equal ability.

"People seem to believe that if you go into the transfer market and buy two or three stars you have a premiership-winning side. That's not the case in this day and age.

"I aim to work on technique and tactics with the senior team. If they can advance themselves in these aspects, they will be able to cope with the more experienced teams in the competition," Gojkovic said.

The first grade side this season is a mixture of youth and experience.

First choice goalkeeper at this stage is South American Carlos Rosano. The defensive four look like being Slav Planinic, Neil Parfitt (ex-Sydney City), Mike Kelly (ex-Olympic) and Ron Geekie (ex-Polonia).

The midfield combination will probably include two local players, David Bobinac and Tony McDermid as well as experienced South American Nestor Meneses.

The forward-line looks like being one of the most exciting in the State League this year. Kenny Smith (ex-Polonia), Chris Townson (ex-Olympic) and the dangerous Ray Carney will cause a few headaches this year.

Although there are only two or three South American players in the first team, Gojkovic is aiming to use their up-and-coming juniors at a future date.

"There are about six exciting Uruguayan prospects around the 16 and 17-year-old mark. They are very talented and attractive ball players.

"If we nurse them properly they will develop into top-class players. The biggest asset to the club is the younger generation of players who will come through the ranks," Gojkovic said.

Auburn-Uruguay are determined to depart with their "cellar-dweller" tag. Going by pre-season form, this looks like being achieved this year.



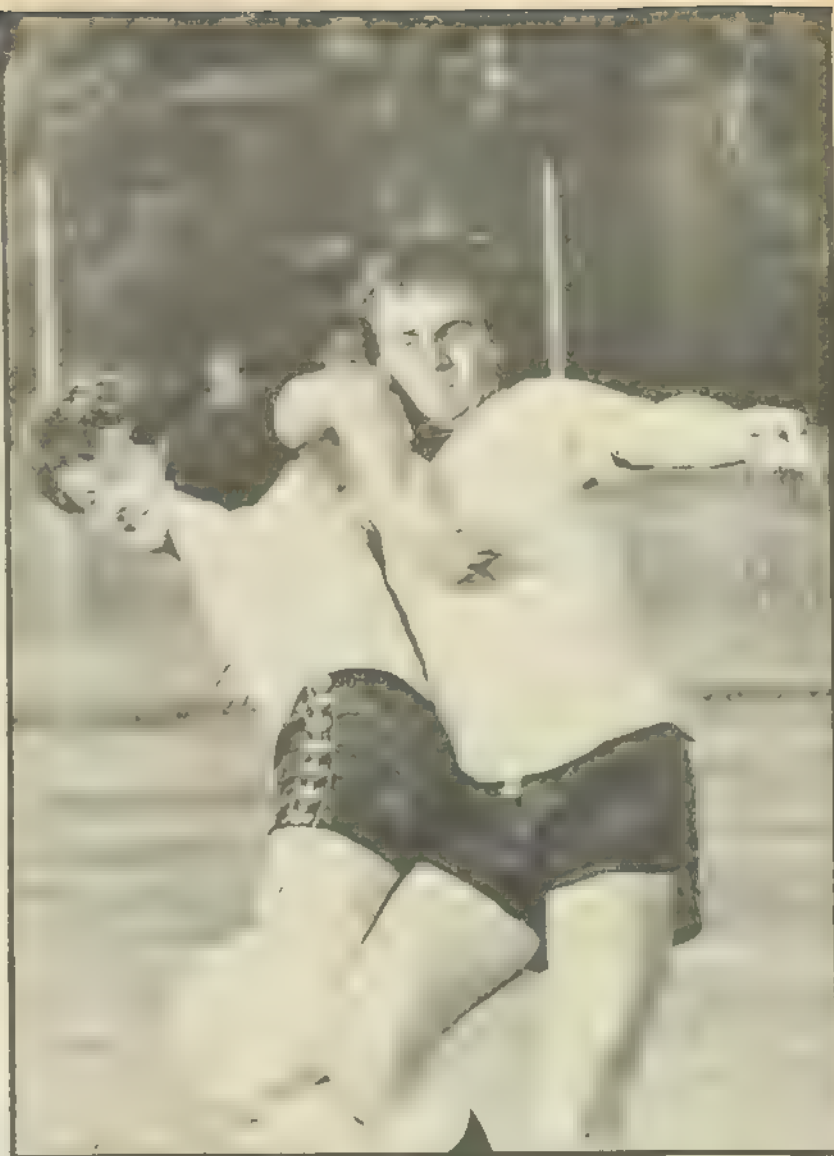
□ Action from Auburn's Ampol Cup clash with Penrith City:

TOP RIGHT: stopper Slav Planinic (right) marks Roy Cotton.

ABOVE: forward Kenny Smith holds the ball against Peter Brogan.

LEFT: defender Mike Kelly shadows a Penrith attacker.

BELOW: Ray Carney.



CHASERS PICK DALGLEISH

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

KU-RING-GAI have been quick to appoint a replacement coach for new Brisbane Lions coach Harry Noon.

Vic Dalglish, who is not unfamiliar with the surroundings at Ku-ring-gai, returns to the fold.

Dalglish previously coached Ku-ring-gai in 1974-75. In those two years, the Chasers finished second on points and goal averages respectively.

Ku-ring-gai was the first club Dalglish was involved with after arriving from Scotland in 1972. From there he moved to Riverstone then was appointed assistant coach at Bankstown.

Dalglish coached at Auburn for three years, then moved to Melita Eagles for the 1981 season.

Over the years, Dalglish has coached numerous NSW youth teams and last year he controlled the Australian U16 side in a special tournament in New Zealand.

Ku-ring-gai secretary Bob Davis is pleased with the appointment of Dalglish.

"We are happy to have Vic back. I've worked with him before in coaching junior teams.

"The committee are impressed with the way he can nurse and develop young players," Davis added.

Dalglish has only had time to see his new players at one training session and one trial game against Canterbury-Marrickville last weekend. He was quite pleased with what he saw.

"New player Warren Turnbull is quite an experienced defender. He and Terry Bertram should combine well together.

"Two newcomers currently trialling also look sharp. Allan Bourke (ex-Bankstown) and Andy Tracey (ex-Polonia) have

much valued experience between them."

Dalglish, like most other coaches, feels that it is a necessity to develop a strong youth policy.

"There is a strong youth contingency within the area Ku-ring-gai always seems to lose their promising players to other clubs.

"I will be looking for the best juniors and give them the opportunity. Realistically, I want to mould the experience and youth into an attractive side," Dalglish added.



□ VIC DALGLEISH

ILLAWARRA JOTTINGS

BY PHIL MURPHY

BULLI midfielder Warren Hamilton has had a tragic start to the season — he suffered a broken leg in a seven-a-side knockout.

Playing in a game against Fernhill, Hamilton's leg snapped when he had his first touch of the ball. He will be out of action for some time and he will be a big loss to coach Norm Flanagan.

Flanagan is banking on basically the same side as last season, but feels the younger player will benefit from last year's experience.

His only new experienced man could be Ian Cirson, formerly of Coniston. Cirson has been training with Bulli and would certainly be an asset to the team.

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A KNEE injury has brought about a change of roles for Shellharbour's Kevin O'Donnell.

Formerly with Wollongong City's Youth team as a striker, O'Donnell switched to Shellharbour in that role, but has been plagued by a knee injury.

His solution has been to switch to goalkeeper. He has made the transition well and supporters won't be surprised to see him between the posts in first grade this season.

Coach Gary Masters also has a good young prospect in Grahame Mackander challenging for the job, and the tall youngster shows plenty of potential.

Having lost Jeff Robinson to Wollongong United, Shellharbour will be relying heavily on these two players to keep the opposition out this year.

Shellharbour have arranged a special night series featuring their team, Aris, Warilla Wanderers and Cringila.

Sponsored by Presidential Siding, Sales and Finance, the series is held on Thursday nights, in March and the total prizemoney is \$1,000.

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CONISTON is in big trouble with the start of the Premier League a matter of weeks away.

The club have lost 10 first grade players from last season and two others have asked for a transfer.

One of the most successful clubs in Illawarra over recent years, Coniston lost five players to Aris when player-coach Robert Fryer left to join that club.

Secretary Lex McLean said the situation is really desperate and he has sought help from district president George Naylor.

"We can only wait and hope some players come to us when they find they won't get a game with other clubs," he said.

"This obviously means that the players who do come won't be that good so we look likely to have a hard season."

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DISTRICT clubs will be able to field three over-age players in their Under 19 teams this season.

The association has made this decision because there is a lack of Under 19 players coming through the ranks.

Those who do have to be spread thinly over 24 district teams, Wollongong City, Wollongong United and Fairy Meadow.

It would seem this problem will get worse before it gets better.

The only stipulation regarding the over-age players is that they do not turn out in Youth Cup ties.

KELSO'S NSL DAYS AT END

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Brisbane City NSL striker Barry Kelso appears to have left the National League for good.

Kelso, who played on loan at Lions last season but failed to break into the club's NSL side, has returned to his former club Redlands — which now plays in the Queensland Intermediate League (second division).

Kelso made the decision to return to the Bayside club, where he played initially more than six years ago, after he lost his driver's license and found it difficult to get to training in Brisbane. Redlands, 20km out of Brisbane, is near Kelso's home.

The move ends what was chequered career at NSL level for Kelso.

The lanky, tough striker came to prominence in the high-flying 1981 Brisbane City side and at one stage was rated by several Sydney coaches as the most dangerous striker in the National League. He scored 14 goals that season and finished his NSL career with a total of 40 goals — the highest tally of any Queenslander.



□ **BARRY KELSO** in Brisbane City colours

TASMANIAN TEAMS



Polonia and Hobart Select XI pose for photographs before the recent clash



Juventus... champion of Group A in the Tasmanian Soccer Association's summer seven-a-side competition.

BACK (l-r): Livio, Ward, Broadhouse, Sherman, Latanzio.

FRONT: Di Felice, Fabrizio, Di Giovanni, Pears.

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PRE-SEASON SERIES STARTS THIS WEEK

BY GREG RUSSELL

THE Queensland Soccer Federation's XXXX pre-season tournament kicks off this week.

The tournament, now in its second year, is the major pre-season tournament in Queensland.

Both NSL clubs, City and Lions, will play in the tournament, although it overlaps with the start of the NSL fixture list.

Lions have had their matches in the XXXX tournament scheduled for Wednesday nights while City, at their own request, will play on Friday nights.

The NSL clubs will be joined in the tournament by the 10 Premier League clubs — as controversially chosen recently by the QSF restructuring committee.

In the light of their selection in the State's top competition, it will be interesting to see how each of the sides perform in their first official workout for the season.

In a bid to overcome last year's problem where a team losing its first match had little chance of reaching the semi-finals, the QSF has altered the format this season.

The 12 teams have been put into three groups. The top team in each group after a round-robin will go through to the semi-finals. The fourth semi-finalist will be the best performed group runner-up.

The groupings are: Group A — Lions, Acacia Ridge, Taringa, Coalstars, B — Mount Gravatt, Olympic, Grange Thistle, Wynnum; C — Brisbane City, Ipswich United, North Star, Easts.

The opening matches this Friday night see a replay of last season's major semi-final between Mount Gravatt and Olympic, which Olympic won after a replay.

The other match on Friday has Brisbane City against Ipswich United.

Seven of the 12 teams will go into the XXXX tournament with new coaches. In addition to Joe Gilroy at City and Harry Noon at Lions, Easts (Ray Pocock), North Star (George Steckiw), Olympic (Walter Tamandl), Taringa (Ian Kesson) and Wynnum (Brian Lampitt) will be attempting to use the tournament to settle in.

All teams are using the tournament to trial at least one new player, but may be rushed into making a decision by a rule slotted in by the QSF.

It has been decided that no club can use a player in the semi-finals or finals, unless he has signed with the club. That could prompt a few quick transfers come the end of March when the tournament swings into the second round.

Kelso's biggest asset was his unpredictability. Sometimes it seemed even he didn't know what he was going to do next. But his barraging style and rocket-like shot (when on target) combined with his competitive heading ability always made him a man to watch.

But in recent seasons, Kelso became unsettled at City and his bad games outnumbered his good ones.

Kelso's career was also dotted with controversy and apart from several walk-outs and payment disputes at City, he also hit the headlines after the now famous boot-throwing incident at Perry Park.

The big striker was substituted by then coach Nereo Saftich and showed his displeasure by hurling his boots into the crowd. The display brought a suspension and fine from the club.

But undoubtedly Kelso was one of the few personalities in the Queensland game and is certain to be an asset for Redlands.

The big man is likely to find the pace a lot easier in the Intermediate League and it would not surprise to see him finish the season back at the top of the goalscoring lists.

IAN IN A RUSH



■ IAN RUSH is spearheading Liverpool's charge for the English championship as leading scorer. He is pictured taking on Manchester United's Remi Moses and Ray Wilkins (on ground). The referee is George Courtney, who controlled Australia's 1981 defeat to New Zealand.



YOUNG EXECUTIVE PLAN BIG THINGS FOR N.S.W.

WITH their first meeting of the year behind them, the Executive committee of the N.S.W. women's Soccer federation have set themselves a comprehensive programme for the year.

The committee, under the Presidency of Phil Whitcome, is comparatively young and full of enthusiasm.

Backing Phil as vice-president is Ron Coughy from the Gladesville Hornsby association. Secretary Therese Dillon, is backing up for her second year after performing brilliantly in the position last year.

Lyn Coughy is the new treasurer with another husband and wife team, Terry and Carol Broughton as Asst Secretary and Public Relations Officer.

The NSW Federation has broken new ground this year by electing five junior vice presidents. They are Leonie Parker, Trixie Tagg, Wendy Thomas, Alan Lytton and Rose van Bruinessen.

The President assured me that all of them will be working members of his team.

Although the Federation has only held one meeting so far, policy has been formulated from the last meeting and there will be three teams representing the State this year.

The first team to go away will be the Under 17 side which will compete in Darwin.

Considerable interest was shown in the position of coach for this side but popular coach and administrator, Lal Byers, from the Gladesville



Women in Soccer

BY DON BALMAIN

again raring its menacing head

Phil Whitcombe is hopeful of being able to reduce the cost per girl to about \$300 including airfare but to the average family, this will still be an imposition.

Leonie Parker, the coach of the Under 15 side, will begin to gather her brood of young hopefuls soon. With her successful policy of training, using intensive ball work rather than exercises, only the top girls in the Federation's associations will last the distance.

Last year in the finals, her girls were noticed as having an extra reserve when it was needed in the final.

Phil Whitcombe told me that his committee is working to make the Metropolitan League the top competition within the Federation this year. So

far, there have been eleven teams nominated for the competition with the prospect of more wanting to come in.

The tournament will be played on a home and away basis with the games being scheduled for early Sunday afternoons to allow distant teams time for travel.

It is anticipated that the first round will commence in March.

The interdistrict competition, which has been the mainstay of the Federation's top players for some years, will now have to take second place.

Although I have been assured that it will still have prominence in playing the cream of the association's top players each Friday night, I feel that it will pale somewhat against the excitement of the Metropolitan League which will be played during the running of an Association's usual Sunday afternoon contests.

The big question of the strong South Coast Association, are they in or out, appears to have been resolved.

AFFILIATE

Mr Whitcombe said that they will be definitely affiliating this year although they will not be placing so much prominence in competition play.

With more girls coming forward down the south

coast of NSW it could be that they want to consolidate their membership before stretching their teams into what could be exhaustive competition rounds.

A fresh approach will be made towards membership for the Federation in the Hills District. For some years now, there have been strong women's competitions played in the Nepean and surrounding districts.

Similarly, overtures will be made towards regaining unity with the Canterbury and Bankstown districts. Rose van Bruinessen, the N.S.W. State Captain, came from the Bankstown district and there is talent for the State side going begging from there.

Terry Broughton, the P.R. man, said that the Federation would be making an all out effort to bring country associations into the fold this year.

Apparently the Central West Association, Orange and surrounding districts, were unable to affiliate due to the drought last season. It will be interesting to see if there is any increase in the towns surrounding the City of Goulburn. At one stage last year, we had reports of teams journeying to Canberra to compete.

PLANNING

Although still in the planning stage, the NSW Federation wants to re-establish the very successful training camp held in Goulburn last year. Leonie Parker, the Junior Representative coach, is interested in holding two camps this year, the first of which could possibly be in mid-May.

The State Championships this year will be held in the Gladesville-Hornsby stronghold at Morrison Bay, Mortdale, a Sydney suburb.

It will be held over the Queens Birthday weekend, June 9-11 and with the Soccer complex there fully established with a large number of fields, a canteen-changing room block and good parking facilities, success appears assured.

The senior State side will go into training early this year according to Terry Broughton. As in past years, girls wishing to try out for the side are asked to contact the Senior State Coach, Alan Lytton, tel 399-6223.

The question of incorporation for the N.S.W. Women's Federation remains still to be finalised.

More and more associations are taking this step and the N.S.W. Federation will be the fourth Australian women's Soccer body to take action in this way.

AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN INTERNATIONALS



4. JULIE PORTER

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

AUSTRALIA's most experienced striker is the blonde-bombshell from the NSW south coast Julie Porter.

...ly built, and possessing powerful shots with attack-line.

Nothing looks more spectacular than Julie steaming for the target with her long, ready to unleash one of her thunderbolts.

One of Julie's assets is that she is very hard to knock off the ball as she uses her strength as well as her skills to bust through defence-lines.

In Noumea, in the Oceania Cup Tournament, Australia crushed New Caledonia 5-0 and Julie scored one of the best headed goals I have seen.

Not only is Julie a powerful goalscorer, she is also constructive and above all, unselfish.

She never hesitates to create space and knock it clear to a better positioned team-mate when a goal is on.

PERSONAL BRIEF

BORN: October, 22, 1961

BIRTHPLACE: Wollongong, NSW

HEIGHT: 5' 8"

TEAMS PLAYED FOR: Bulli, Fernhill and now is the captain-coach of Shellharbour.

PLAYING POSITION: Central striker or central midfielder.

OCCUPATION: Baker

FAVOURITE OTHER PLAYER: Julie Dolan, Australia's crack-midfielder from Ballina, NSW.

FAVOURITE MALE PLAYER: Heidelberg's Phil O'Connor.

FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYER: Joe Jordan, Scotland's World Cup target man.

AMBITIONS: "To get married and have stacks of kids and to be generally happy in life."

PLAYED FOR AUSTRALIA: Since 1980 and has toured four times with the National Squad.

MOST INFLUENTIAL PERSON IN YOUR SOCCER CAREER?: "Max Shaw my first coach at Wollongong, and Tom Petrov, the NSW Coach."

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: "The Test match against old enemies, New Zealand back in 1981."

Australia won 2-1 and it was a tough battle.

HOW CAN AUSTRALIAN WOMEN'S SOCCER BE IMPROVED?: "At National level, we should be looking to play other major nations across the world, not just constantly against New Zealand."

Also to look for people to get into the administration of Women's Soccer, who are interested in the girls and NOT just themselves.

SERIOUS INJURIES: "Torn-quadriceps muscle in the left thigh. Other than that, I have been pretty lucky overall."

DISLIKES IN SOCCER: "An overall lack of constant publicity for the girls in our code. Also the fact that men STILL regard Women's Soccer as something of a joke. This makes me real mad."

OBVIOUS REMEDIES: "To be given a fair go with the public. For example, some of our matches at club level could be played as curtain-raisers to the Test matches."

I feel that such an exposure will give the public a much clearer image of what Women's Soccer is all about. I don't think that that is too much to really ask for. Do you?

No we don't Julie. You are quite



□ The Australian women's team line up at last year's Oceania tournament

AUSTRALIA INVITED TO TOUR CHINA

THE Australian national women's team has been invited to take part in an international tournament in China.

It will be held in Xian City from October 14-27. It is the first time that an Australian women's Soccer team has been invited to tour the Republic of China, although previous national sides have visited China-Taipei.

The invitation, which was received via the Australian Soccer Federation, came from the president of the Football Association of the Republic of China, Li Fenglou.

The national coach, Jim Selby, is keen to take a side to China, said the president of the AWSA, Elaine Watson.

But as the Australian team had commitments to the Oceania tournament which would be held at the same time in Fiji, arrangements for extra financial assistance from the Federal Government would have to be made to make the tour possible.

AIS — YOUTH TEAM MERGE

THE Australian Youth team is now effectively in the hands of the Australian Institute of Sport and its personable coach Jim Shoulder.

Here is how Australian Soccer Federation president Sir Arthur George and Shoulder himself view the changeover.

Now the success of the venture largely depends on Shoulder.

Needless to say, he has a hard act to follow.

With Les Scheinflug in charge and Raul Blanco attending to the skills training, the Young Soccer teams have done the country proud.

Economics must be considered as the Youth team is not a big home success at the gates.

But, as we said before, it all now depends on Shoulder. He had plenty of experience in an abortive World Cup campaign, but he has to measure up to a very clear yardstick.

Now for Sir Arthur's remarks:

"The Australian Soccer Federation has decided to re-organise its national Youth Soccer programme so as to coordinate its activities with those of the Australian Institute of Sport.

It will hold annually Talent Identification

Championships at the Under 16 and Under 18 levels, extended with the additional financial assistance provided by the Commonwealth Government.

The Australian national Youth team is now established on an international basis.

It has, since 1981, at two World Youth Championships and two Havelange Tournaments in Mexico that usually proceeded them, defeated Argentina (then the World Champions), Brazil, Scotland (then the European Champions), Mexico, Israel and Costa Rica amongst others.

The objective is to maintain this high standard and at the same time provide a constant stream of new skilled young players of potential international standard for senior teams and ultimately for the national team.

The objectives of the Australian Institute of Sport are parallel. The re-structured and coordinated programme involves:

1. The appointment of

Jim Shoulder, the senior Soccer coach of the Institute, as Australian national Youth team coach.

cannot join the Institute; so that the Institute players will be joined at selected intervals for in-

'TALENT I.D. CAMPS WILL BE HELD'

An assistant will be chosen as required by consultation between the ASF and Jim Shoulder.

2. The annual U16 and U18 championships of the ASF will be replaced by annual Talent Identification Camps, involving the old competitions plus individual coaching and instruction by the directors of coaching, leading referees and the national Youth team coach.

3. At the U18 level, Jim Shoulder will continue to coach the AIS team, which will play in the NSL Youth competition and seek international experience at selected tournaments.

4. The Institute recognises that many players, for family, economic and educational reasons,

tensive week-long coaching periods by other outstanding youth players.

The selection process of these additional players in an effort to produce the best national Youth team, will require the assistance and coordination of all directors of coaching and senior coaches throughout Australia, with input from the national team coach.

5. In September in each alternative year preceding the next World Youth Championship (to be held in 1985 and thereafter bi-annually), a composite squad will be chosen to participate in the Havelange Tournament in Mexico at which leading Soccer nations participate.

Thereafter, the final national squad will be chosen. The Australian national Youth team at this stage will participate in the Oceania elimination tournament against NZ, Taiwan, Papua-New Guinea and other countries.

If successful, it will proceed to play in the inter-continental tournament. Success in this would qualify the national Youth team to participate in the WYC.

The participation of the Government, the AIS and the ASF may, in future, require as a result of experience, some modifications, but I am sure this is the correct road to travel in order to conserve our resources and to increase the standard and skills

amongst our younger players. This, in turn, will benefit the clubs and ultimately the national team with the resultant improvement of Australia's international image in Soccer, the major international team sport.

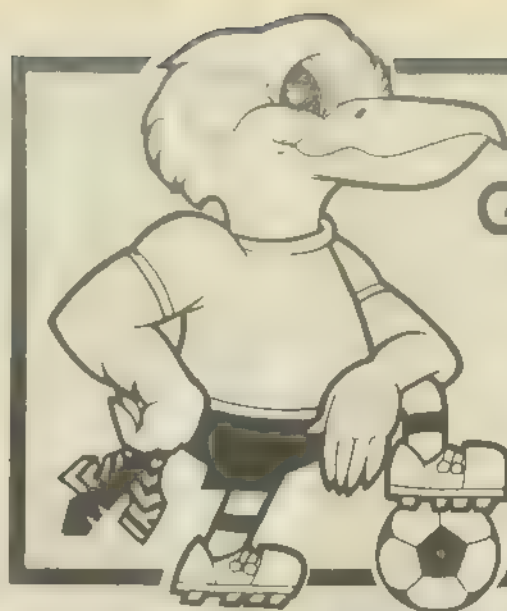
The ASF is grateful for the additional assistance provided for Soccer by the Commonwealth Government and the cooperation of the board of the AIS.

I extend my personal thanks to the Minister, the Honourable John Brown, Mr Kevan Gosper, chairman of the board of the AIS, and all other board members, and welcome Mr Shoulder and wish him and the Australian national Youth team success in 1984 and 1985."

National Youth coach Jim Shoulder said:

"The primary purpose of the Institute, particularly the Soccer department, is not winning the World Youth Cup (although that would be a most welcome bonus): it is to produce senior players for clubs and for the national team. The secondary purpose is to do well at the international level.

The other element that has to be mentioned is that this proposal is a great initiative in terms of cooperation between the various Federations and the Institute. In the past, Soccer has been criticised for lagging behind: now I can point to this achievement and suggest to the other sports that this is the top-level cooperation to seek in all areas. By doing this, we can enhance the prospects of winning medals and performing well at top level.



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□ JIM SHOULDER

"MR MINISTER" HAS HIS VIEWS

BY BERNIE HARRIS

I TOOK the opportunity to have a word with the Federal Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism, Mr John Brown, over the huge Soccer interest of kiddies in Australia.

Here is what he said:
"I am staggered by the number of kids I see playing Soccer in the western suburbs of Sydney. There are thousands and thousands of them. What does worry me is that too many of them are dropping out when they get to 14 or 15 years of age. We have to find a way to stop that happening.

I have some ideas about re-structuring competition for kids under 12. I met a boy the other day who said he had a ten year medal for Soccer; he had been playing since he was five. Now, he is an outstanding boy who will retain his enthusiasm. But so many of his age lose that enthusiasm after six or seven years of competition.

Many State Ministers responsible for sport agree with me that the sooner we take the competitive aspect out of sport of all types for boys under 12 and let them play for fun so that they enjoy their sport, whatever it is, the better it will be especially if they continue to play that sport into their late teens."



□ JOHN BROWN

RENKOVETSKY'S APPOINTMENTS

COACH Vic Renkovetsky is in for a busy season.

He has taken over as coach of the NSW under 19 team in what is a very important year. NSW has so far badly missed out in preparing candidates for the Australian Youth team.

This year the squad must be prepared for participation in the 1985 World Youth Cup to be played in Chile.

Australia will first have to overcome Oceania opponents and then if successful will face, quite likely, Israel and a European side.

Renkovetsky has invited 33 players to take part in trials for a start.

He is ready to check over any player who believes that he has the attributes to represent the state.

Apart from the NSW post he has been appointed Director of Coaching for the Blacktown District SFA.

NATIONAL YOUTH TEAM PLANS

HERE National Youth coach Jim Shoulder gives his views on changes to be made with the Australian Institute of Sport taking control of the Australian Youth team.

His comments came in an interview with our local man, Bernie Harris.

Jim said: "It will not mean a lot of change in the day to day running of the place. The whole idea of having the youth squad and the Institute squad amalgamate was to make full use of the Institute's programme and budget.

"It will mean I will have a little more running around to do interstate to check on the boys who are not here. I think we have to lay to rest this false impression that has come up once or twice that once a boy is in the Institute he is naturally in the Australian National Youth Team. That won't happen.

"We are trying to get as many of the best kids as possible into the squad but for many reasons, including work, family and club, we can't always get in every player whom we want.

"Obviously those players will certainly come into contention when at the end of the year we have a big camp.

"Then there are those who pop up out of the woodwork. At this age there will always be the players who appear from a local competition in a major capital city or small country town."

VITAL NSW COACHING SPOT TO BE DECIDED

BY KEITH GILMOUR

AT LAST a NSW Director of Coaching appointment on a professional basis is on the way.

A number of names have been bandied around, and the applicants have been reduced to a handful.

Included amongst those in for the job are believed to be Mike Wells, Vic Renkovetsky, Dennis Ford and Max Groll.

Invariably, coaches have been drawn in the past for the various states almost entirely from an English brigade, although Australians are filtering through.

Taking a big hand in the recommendations has been the Australian Director, Eric Worthington.

He is generally regarded as having done a good job, within certain

parameters.

In a few years the ASF will have to make a new national appointment, and this will be one of the most critical in the history of the code.

Understand

The man needed will have to understand overseas trends in coaching from Europe and South America, Britain. And in Australia as well.

He will need to have academic ability, but also will need first call understanding of the needs of National League Clubs and the build-up process through the State Leagues.

When major companies can see over 80 per cent of their senior staff being to degree level in less than 10 years education and teaching ability is important.

As it is now, Eric Worthington has the say. One is led to wonder how much extra progress would have been made if established practitioners such as Les Scheinflug, Eddie Thomson, Ken Kaiser and Manfred Schaefer had been involved as an advisory board, together with one or two top youth specialists.

The State Director needs similar credentials to the National Director and could benefit from

having an advisory panel at state level.

Leading coaches at the grass roots level today closely understand what is needed. They deal over all with a balanced group of long term Australians and others of Anglo-Saxons, Italians, Greeks, Yugoslavs, Maltese, Vietnamese and South American extraction, and the product of many more National groups as well.

They have a feeling for the type of play that the boys naturally produce. Perhaps we are seeing the development of an exciting Australian style, with due emphasis of tidying up at the back.

Recognise

In the future there may well be the need to recognise both winter and summer styles of play even for the one set of players.

It is inevitable in Australia that a deal of our football will be held in warm to hot conditions.

As such we could find use for some of the skills which migrants from Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and other South American countries have brought here.

The position of NSW Director requires examination at a lot of depth. Unless the appointee has extraordinary qualities the senior clubs and the National team will receive insufficient numbers of high class players through the system.

□ This U13 player is caught in full flight by ASW photographer David Jellings in Mini Ampol Cup action. The other player is determined to halt his progress.



FINLAY SEEKS PROGRESS

DETERMINATION to see Soccer develop properly in the Border district of NSW and Victoria led Frank Finlay to become the local correspondent of Australian Soccer Weekly.

Frank noted a lack of interest in the local press, and in addition he felt that most happenings were being covered to the code's disadvantage.

In fact, former Riverina Branch referees inspector John Milton has advised that press releases have been denied to some sections of the media by his organisation.

ASW is helping to cover the gap left by the lack of local junior reports. Along with the Griffith and Wagga referees, Albury Wodonga whistlers are



□ FRANK FINLAY

looking for progress this year.

Three referees will sit for promotion, two to Class 2 and one to Class 1. Two Albury Wodonga referees have completed class 1 field tests.

Mr Milton said, "From an inspector's point of view, last year's final competitions were very pleasing."

"The standard of both senior and junior referees was very high, with all officials showing professional attitude," Mr Milton said.

YOUTH LEAGUE SET TO START

THE NSW Youth League for top U/13, 14, 15 and 16 teams will kick off on Sunday, March 4.

Competition secretary Bill Cullinan said that the first four weeks would be on Sundays, after which the games would revert to Saturdays.

Early Sunday games have been brought about by the unavailability of many grounds until local cricket finishes.

The competition rounds will be planned to end on July 21, allowing a maximum of two spare dates in case they are needed for washed out games.

That will leave August 4, 11 and 18 for the play-offs.

All Youth League games must be finished by then so that players are available for State Championship games over the August/September school holidays.

The Youth League first, second and third teams play in this series against Riverina, Western NSW and Southern NSW.

Officials are wondering about the future of the popular Polonia Cup. These games have been conducted in past seasons by Alec Proudie, but he is no longer with Polonia Soccer Club.

MACARTHUR'S AMBITION

MACARTHUR Association's U13 Mini Ampol Cup team has made a good start to the season and should distinguish itself in the NSL Youth League this season.

After opening with 0-6 loss to the very strong Melita Eagles team, Macarthur drew 3-3 with Illawarra and defeated Marconi 4-1.

Macarthur Association, from the Campbelltown district, only opened for business in 1983.

As part of the Southern NSW Branch, they turned around and won the NSW Country championship — no small honour for a team that was literally thrown together at the start of the year.

Out they went to the State finals at Griffith, where they defeated Sydney's top team Nepean 2-1 and only lost to high-flyers Illawarra 2-0 and St George 1-0.

Coaching the team is great enthusiast Danny Himbrechts.

This year their determination is certain to carry them a long way once again, even though they realise they are not the most skilful team around.

Macarthur's U15 and U16 teams are trying to strengthen up so they also can give a good account of themselves this season.

U13 MINI AMPOL CUP

Heavy rain caused all last Sunday's fixtures to be postponed.

All matches are being rescheduled, to be played during the week and on Sunday.

The new draw was not available at press time. The final has been scheduled for Wednesday February 29 at Marconi Stadium (kick-off 7.30 pm).

ENROLMENTS

EPHING YMCA Boys and girls, ladies and men U6 to all-age Barry Cameron 869 1043, Warwick Wray 871 3749, Norm Blissett 869 8810.

GLADESVILLE RAVENS: Boys Terry Gibbons 89 2609 ladies Lee Owens 887 2594.

MACQUARIE COMBINED SPORTS CLUB Boys and girls, ladies and men. G Ibboston 85 3466, D Burge 86 1619.

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KU-RING-GAI U14 YOUTH LEAGUE TEAM 1983

BACK ROW: Warren Partridge, Brian Feurtado, Brett Hughes, Sean Smith, Makoto Kobayashi.
CENTRE ROW: Mick James (coach), James Butchart, Kurt Lewis, Neil Cox, Akira Okamoto, Sam Carter, Jim Winter, Ian Hughes (manager).
FRONT ROW: Sacha Bogatai, Matthew Craw, Hamish McLeod.
ABSENT: Yoshiro Morikawa.

COACHES NIGHT AT EASTWOOD

A SPECIAL night has been arranged by the Gladesville-Hornsby Coaches Association on Thursday, February 23 at 8pm to present Preliminary Coaching Certificates to successful candidates.

The function will be held at the Eastwood Enterprises Businessmen's Club, 6a Hillview St Eastwood, adjacent to the Eastwood Oval grounds.

Making the presentations will be the National Coaching Director, Eric Worthington.

Local Coaching Director John McDonald is looking to one of the 1983 programmes to be of continuing benefit to players.

Having abandoned representative play at U10 level, a skill training series without any competitive pressure was introduced.

This was under the control of Dennis Caygill, and Warwick McCarthy and their assistants and

proved highly successful. The 30 children who were brought together on selection day had a 100 per cent attendance record.

The ideas were brought to the children in a very thorough fashion, and they enjoyed their skills practice.

Behind the series is the thought that many of the youngsters will prove to be the basis of future Gladesville-Hornsby Youth League teams.

The interesting sessions they enjoyed without pressure at U10 could well be the foundation of their game when they play in competitive Soccer in older grades.

John McDonald is hopeful that enough people will move in behind the

Gladesville-Hornsby Second Division State League club and make it a success.

"The big problem in the past was that young players have seen that there was no direct line through to senior ranks," he said.

"The new position has some real significance. I aim to see that dual registration is established between the club and our under 16s. We could also include some of the best under 15 boys."

Pioneer Park at Epping Highway, Marfield will be the centre for both the senior club and the Youth League teams this year.

This will be a big improvement on Bremner Park Gladesville, which has now become the home of Gladesville United.

HAMPTON HANDLES TURNER CUP

ONE of the top schools' Soccer administrators, Terry Hampton, will take over as co-ordinator for the 1984 Bill Turner Cup.

Terry is science master at Wallsend High and he replaces Barry Kemp from Kurri High.

Barry did a great job last year, which should make Terry's task that much easier.

Terry has a deep knowledge of the code. He was formerly teaching at Booragul High before transferring to Wallsend.

Both schools have the distinction of winning the Tasman Cup (now Commonwealth Bank Cup) on three occasions each.

In addition, his son Michael is on the playing staff of Newcastle United as Youth squad goalkeeper.

For a time Terry was president of the Toronto-Awaba Junior Soccer Club, a very strong club in the Macquarie Association of Northern NSW.

If it hadn't been for his son's interest and potential as a Soccer player, Terry may never have become so involved in the code.

For a number of years Terry was regarded as a rising star in the Newcastle Rugby League Referees' Association.

Such was his standing that he was appointed to

control the second division grand final at the International Sports Centre in 1977.

He still does a game or two now and he is a regular "unofficial" Soccer referee at school matches and some junior games.

As an administrator Terry is a tireless worker. In addition to the Bill Turner Cup, he is acting secretary of the Northern NSW Secondary Schools Soccer Federation.

He, like the other enthusiastic and dedicated teachers, long for the day when Northern NSW will be released from "Coven-try" and be able to take their rightful place again in the ASSF national championships.

He may be contacted at Wallsend High on (049) 51 1811 or (049) 59 1966 AH.



□ TERRY HAMPTON

NEW SECRETARY AT BANKSTOWN

KEVIN Pope has taken over from long-serving Eric Drury as secretary of the Bankstown United Association of Soccer Clubs.

He is a former secretary, team manager and coach with Revesby-Milperra Lions Soccer Club.

Mr Drury was secretary of the Association for 21 years, a remarkable run. He decided that it was time to take a break, particularly because of work commitments.

The contact point for Mr Pope is 6 Armentieres Ave, Milperra 2214, Tel 771 4154.

Applications are coming to hand for the coming season and Mr Pope is confident it will be another big year for this famed Soccer district.

In other news on the administration front, the Sydney Branch of the NSW Amateur Federation has appointed Blacktown Association secretary Albert Lobley as its publicity officer.

He replaces John Hedi-

son, who will concentrate on his duties with the St George Assn as well as looking after NSW Amateur publicity.

EAGLES YOUTH

SENIOR coach Raul Blanco and his assistant Dennis Hogarth were closely involved with the selection of the youth team coaches for the coming season.

Those chosen were: U15: J. Blacker. U14: C. Ortega. U13: I. Lloyd. Goalkeepers coach: E. Gill.

Blanco himself is attending to the U16s pending a final appointment.

WILLIE MEETS JUNIORS



PENRITH CITY coach Willie Wallace believes it is important for senior club coaches to get out and meet players and officials of junior clubs.

In his three years at Leichhardt, Wallace introduced a youth programme, and took a number of young players through to NSL level.

He now hopes to repeat that success in Sydney's outer western suburbs.

Wallace is pictured meeting three young players from St Joseph's Sports and Social Soccer Club (PHOTO BY DAVID NASH).

NYNGAN & WALGETT ON REFEREES' LIST

DISTANT North West NSW centres Nyngan and Walgett will be visited by the Affiliated Referees as soon as they can find the time.

The Referees have adopted a scheme of personal calls at as many centres as possible to help in the process of lifting referees' standards.

Brian Fowler is one who doubles up as a

Federation referee as well as assisting the Affiliated Referees, who work in the district and junior field.

Last year seminars were held at places such as Nowra, Albury, Dubbo, Orange, Forbes and Parkes.

Now, when it can be arranged, more of the far flung townships must receive their turn.

"If we don't call on

them they don't get the chance to update with the latest rulings," Fowler said.

He is on the examination board, which is chaired by Bob George, with retired referee Kenny Davis as the other member.

They have no small task — but the positive results make it very rewarding indeed.

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CONNELLS POINT ROVERS U11 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS
BACK ROW: Jeanette Green (manager), Joe Bello (coach).
MIDDLE ROW: Tome Petronovic, Russell Green, Steven Prahin, Jamie Williams, Charles Bye, Victor Jago.
FRONT ROW: Mark Goreta, Zoki Adioski, Robert Laboja (captain), Daniel Piccolruaz, Tom Prusac, Peter Lesko.

ATTENDANCES ARE FALLING

NOTHING can halt the drop in match attendances in the Football League.

In season 1979-80, there was an aggregate crowd figure for the season of 24,623,975 but last season this figure had fallen to 18,788,822.

Experts now predict the figures for the current 1983-84 season will show yet another fall of a million spectators.

HOOLIGANS RAMPANT IN MINOR LEAGUES

CROWD hooliganism is not confined to the Football League.

It goes on also in the minor leagues, although incidents are rarely reported because the teams are not household names. When Dagenham, an Alliance League team,

could only draw 1-1 at home against Yeovil Town in the F.A. Trophy, two spectators forced their way into the Dagenham dressing room and heaped rubbish on

team manager Ted Hardy.

Police managed to catch the garbage-chuckers who were teenagers, but no charges were made.

ZIMBABWE GOALIE'S AMBITION

BRUCE GROBBELAAR, the Liverpool goalkeeper, has an ambition — to succeed Peter Shilton as England's number one.



BRUCE GROBBELAAR

Grobbelaar, however, has already played for his own country, Zimbabwe, in international matches and this automatically bars him from representing any other country.

The Liverpool goalie says he hopes FIFA will relent and allow him to play for England ... if selected.

That's a big "if". Grobbelaar is not rated English international class and does not figure in term manager Bobby Robson's plans.

IT is quite normal for players, managers and coaches to be shunted out of clubs with monotonous regularity but the musical chairs game has been played differently by Southend United.

Five Southend directors resigned in one day. Another resigned a week earlier.

UK SOCCER SCENE



WEST HAM's remarkable run of injuries continued when surgeons decided they would have to operate on Geoff Pike's groin.

The player will be out of action for at least six weeks.

The team's casualty list now numbers eight first team players, two of whom, Alan Devonshire and Paul Goddard, are in plaster.

HAMMERS INJURY WOES

ABOVE: ALAN DEVONSHIRE (left) about to be brought down

10 SECONDS TO SCORE

DAVE WALLER of Crewe Alexander was in a hurry to score a goal against Stockport County - he had the ball in Stockport's net 10 seconds after the match started.

No — it's not a record. The quickest goal was scored by Jim Fryatt for Bradford against Tranmere Rovers in 1964.



PAUL GODDARD

REEVES INJURY



KEVIN REEVES, Burnley's star signing, looks like being out of action for the rest of the season.

Reeves cost Burnley \$170,000 when he was signed from Manchester City, a far cry from the day City bought him for around \$2,000,000. He has a stress fracture of the hip.

UK SOCCER TABLES

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	28	16	8	4	45	20	56
Notts Forest	28	16	5	7	54	32	53
Manchester Utd	28	14	10	4	52	30	52
West Ham	27	15	5	7	44	26	50
Q Park Rangers	27	14	4	9	45	24	46
Southampton	26	12	7	7	30	23	43
Tottenham	27	11	7	9	46	44	40
Luton	27	12	4	11	41	41	40
Norwich	28	10	9	9	33	32	39
Coventry	27	10	8	9	37	36	38
Aston Villa	27	10	8	9	39	42	38
Watford	27	11	4	12	48	48	37
Everton	28	10	5	13	43	40	35
Arsenal	26	9	8	9	21	27	35
Sunderland	27	8	9	10	27	37	33
Ipswich	26	9	5	12	36	35	32
W Brom Albion	27	9	4	14	30	45	31
Birmingham	27	8	6	13	27	33	30
Leicester	27	7	8	12	42	49	29
Stoke	26	6	8	14	26	49	26
Notts County	26	5	5	16	36	57	20
Wolverhampton	27	4	7	16	22	54	19

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Chelsea	29	16	9	4	60	32	57
Sheff Wed	27	16	7	4	53	25	55
Manchester City	28	15	6	7	47	31	51
Newcastle	27	16	3	8	53	38	51
Carlisle	28	13	10	5	33	19	49
Grimsby	27	12	11	4	36	31	47
Blackburn	28	13	7	8	38	37	46
Charlton	27	10	9	8	37	35	39
Huddersfield	27	11	6	10	38	37	39
Brighton	27	9	8	10	30	29	35
Shrewsbury	26	8	9	9	30	34	33
Portsmouth	28	9	5	14	45	41	32
Cardiff	26	10	2	14	33	38	32
Oldham	28	9	6	14	30	47	32
Crystal Palace	27	8	7	12	29	35	31
Barnsley	27	8	6	13	38	39	30
Fulham	27	6	9	12	31	38	27
Derby County	27	6	6	15	24	50	24
Swansea	28	3	6	19	23	55	15
Cambridge	27	2	8	17	20	50	14

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Walsall	30	17	6	7	50	38	57
Wimbledon	30	17	4	9	70	55	55
Oxford	27	16	5	6	56	35	53
Hull	26	14	9	3	42	20	51
Bristol Rovers	30	15	6	9	46	36	51
Sheff United	29	13	9	7	52	35	48
Bolton	30	13	8	9	40	33	47
Burnley	28	12	9	7	55	31	45
Lincoln	31	13	6	12	42	42	45
Orient	30	13	6	11	43	45	45
Bradford	28	12	7	9	52	43	43
Gillingham	25	13	4	8	46	39	43
Millwall	29	11	8	10	47	50	41
Weymouth	28	10	9	9	39	50	39
Wigan	27	9	7	11	29	36	34
Preston	29	9	6	14	43	42	33
Plymouth	26	8	7	11	36	34	31
Brentford	29	6	10	13	41	53	28
Southend	29	6	9	14	35	51	27
Rotherham	26	7	5	14	28	38	26
Bournemouth	28	7	5	16	34	52	26
Scunthorpe	27	4	11	12	32	52	23
Port Vale	29	6	5	18	28	54	23
Exeter	29	5	7	17	37	59	22

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
York	28	19	4	5	60	27	61
Doncaster	30	15	11	4	55	37	56
Aldershot	31	15	7	9	50	46	52

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Reading	31	13	11	7	60	44	50
Bristol City	30	15	5	10	47	31	50
Colchester	28	13	10	5	50	26	49
Blackpool	28	14	4	10	38	28	46
Peterborough	30	12	9	9	47	32	45
Crewe	29	12	7	10	36	42	43
Bury	30	11	9	10	46	38	42
Stockport	30	10	11	9	35	32	41
Tranmere	31	11	8	12	44	45	41
Northampton	29	10	10	9	33	35	40
Swindon	30	19	9	11	44	39	39
Torquay	29	10	9	10	38	44	39
Chesterfield	30	8	12	10	33	40	36
Darlington	28	10	4	14	24	30	34
Halifax	30	7	11	12	30	49	32
Hereford	30	7	10	13	24	39	31
Wrexham	27	6	11	10	33	37	29
Rochdale	29	6	9	14	36	51	27
Mansfield	29	6	6	17	27	54	24
Cheltenham	30	3	10	17	25	55	19

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	22	17	3	2	57	12	37
Celtic	23	14	5	4	53	25	33
Dundee United	20	12	4	4	38	18	28
Rangers	23	10	5	8	35	30	25
St Mirren	23	6	10	7	33	33	22
Hearts	22	7	8	7	25	31	22
Hibernian	23	8	3	12	29	37	19
Dundee	21	7	2	12	29	43	16
St Johnstone	24	6	1	17	23	62	13
Motherwell	23	1	7	15	17	48	9

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Partick	26	16	3	7	49	32	35
Dumbarton	25	13	7	5	45	33	33
Morton	25	11	10	4	48	32	32
Kilmarnock	26	13	3	10	43	33	29
Brechin	24	9	9	6	36	32	27
Falkirk	25	12	3	10	35	37	27
Clydebank	24	10	6	8	37	32	26
Clyde	25	9	7	9	36	30	25
Ayr	27	7	10	10	41	43	24
Airdrieonians	26	9	5	12	28	39	23
Meadowbank	27	8	6	13	30	48	22
Hamilton	25	5	10	10	27	33	20
Raith	26	4	10	12	28	42	18
Alloa	25	5	5	15	29	46	15

SCOTTISH F.A. CUP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Forfar	23	16	5	2	44	19	37
Queen of the Sth	25	13	5	7	33	21	31
Stirling	21	11	8	2	33	17	30
Arbroath	25	13	4	8	38	27	30
Berwick	25	11	6	8	42	27	28
Stenhousemuir	25	10	7	8	30	31	27
East Fife	25	11	4	10	32	30	26
Stranraer	25	9	7	10	31	33	25
Queens Park	25	9	4	12	37	43	22
Dunfermline	25	6	8	11	23	30	20
East Stirling	25	7	5	13	34	45	19
Albion	24	4	8	12	32	49	16
Montrose	25	7	2	16	23	48	16
Cowdenbeath	23	4	7	12	24	36	15

DRAW for the fifth round of the Scottish Cup:

Aberdeen v Dundee Utd	Dundee v Rangers
St Mirren v Morton	M'well v Celtic
Dundee v Rangers and St Mirren v Morton	to be played March 10 and the other two ties March 17.

LIVERPOOL supporters are counting the days until the return of their favourite, Ken Dalglish.

DALGLISH SET TO RETURN

The brilliant Scot has been missing for some time with a fractured cheekbone.

The good news from manager Joe Fagan is: "Kenny should be ready to play in early March."



IPSWICH COULD LOSE SPONSOR

THE future well-being and prosperity of Ipswich Town could be decided far away... in Japan.

Ipswich are sponsored by Japanese electronics firm, Pioneer, and have re-

ceived some \$700,000 from the company.

The sponsorship agreement runs out in August and there are now grave doubts that Pioneer will

renew it.

It seems the Japanese company is far from happy with the results achieved by Ipswich.

If Pioneer does with-

draw sponsorship, it will make the Ipswich bank balance look pretty sick.

Ipswich are estimated to be about \$2,000,000 in the red.



PRESTON NORTH END are losing \$4,000 a week and, while this may not seem a huge amount compared to some other hard-up clubs, it is threatening the club's future.

An immediate cash injection of \$400,000 is needed if Preston are to continue in business.

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HILTON SIGNS FOR WEST HAM

THE giants of Lancashire football, including Manchester United, Liverpool and Everton, were "scooped" by London's West Ham over the signing of Paul Hilton at a fee of \$170,000.

Hilton was a utility player with Bury, a team on the doorstep of those Lancashire giants — and Manchester United watched him play every week this season with a view to signing him.

West Ham's boss John Lyall made up

his mind about Hilton much more quickly after travelling north.

After recruiting Hilton, Lyall said: "He is the sort of versatile player we like at West Ham. The boy has played for Bury in defence, midfield and in the front line."

BARNSELEY SACK NORMAN HUNTER

AFTER three and a half years with Barnsley, former England wing-half Norman Hunter, has been sacked.

He had 20 months remaining on his contract, but when the team recorded just one win in 10 matches, Barnsley decided Hunter had to go.

Bobby Collins, like Hunter a member of the great Leeds United team of the 1960's, is now in charge as caretaker-manager.

Collins is well known to a lot of Australian football fans — he had a brief

and stormy period when he coached Hakoah in Sydney.

After succeeding Hunter, Collins commented: "I feel bad about Norman because he is the man who brought me to Barnsley."

"Now I'm in the electric chair!"

Bobby Collins moves up a step, having been in charge of the Barnsley youth squad.



□ NORMAN HUNTER

HOWE AIMS FULL-TIME

DON HOWE knows better than anyone that his football future is going to be decided in the closing weeks of the season.

Howe is Arsenal's caretaker-manager but he would love to get the job permanently when it comes up for review at the end of the season.

Right now, the betting is against him because Arsenal have shown no improvement since Howe replaced Terry Neill.

"This job is all about results," said Howe. "I do not kid myself. At least we have time to improve my prospects during the final third of the season."

The next three months are vital as Howe attempts to build a winning team at Arsenal.

Howe has another problem right now. He has been reported to the English F.A. after allegedly making derogatory remarks about referee Ken Walsley's decisions when Stoke City beat Arsenal 1-0.

Bringing the game into disrepute is the charge.

BRENTFORD SET TO SIGN DOCHERTY?

FRED CALLAGHAN has been sacked as manager of Third Division Brentford and youth coach Frank Blunstone is acting as caretaker-manager.

But the strong tip as Callaghan's successor is Tommy Docherty, who almost landed the Stoke City job recently.

WEBB TAKES OVER TORQUAY UNITED

DAVID WEBB, the former Chelsea defender, is the new boss at Torquay United, taking over from Bruce Rioch.

Webb is both manager and managing director.

He said: "Being managing director allows me to have financial control and I shall also do the coach-

ing. I expect Torquay to be successful. The set-up here is similar to Bournemouth where I believe I had success as manager."

WYLIE GETS A RED CARD

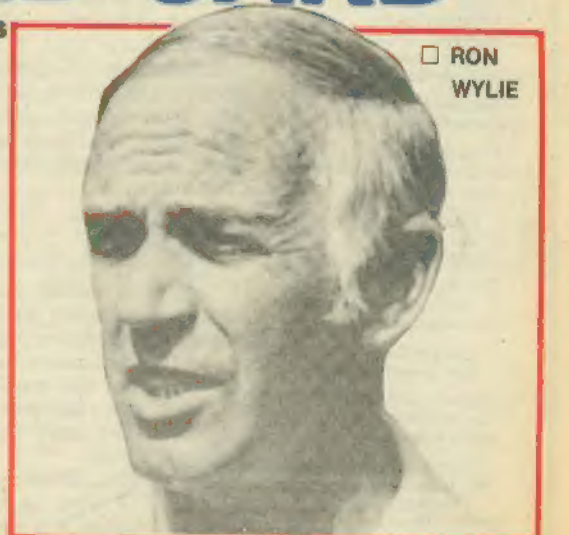
YET another club boss bites the dust!

West Bromwich Albion's Ron Wylie has been shown the door, following the team's dreadful hiding at home (5-0) from Nottingham Forest.

Four days after that defeat, Wylie was out.

Even though Forest caught West Brom with a super exhibition, Wylie's after-match comments told the real story: —

"I was ashamed of our performance. It was disgusting. I don't know how the players feel about the show they put on."



□ RON WYLIE